Introduction to Hindu Philosophy; Spring 2017  840/730:368:01
Tillet Hall 232, Livingston Campus,
Tuesday/Thursday 6th period on the LC  5:00-6:20
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Course Description and Objectives: This course will engage a sampling of important expressions of orthodox Hindu thought up to the medieval period. Attention will be paid to some of the prominent interconnections and points of contestation amongst some of the schools.

Course Requirement: Class attendance and participation (10% of the final grade); two non-cumulative quizzes (25% of the final grade each); a final cumulative quiz (40% of the final grade). Please note: there are no make-ups for missed quizzes or exams except in the case of an absence caused by an unexpected emergency and evidenced by a doctor's or dean's note. In the event of such a documented emergency, the instructor must be informed of the impending absence immediately (i.e. on the day of the quiz), and the make-up must be taken on the day after the quiz. There are no exceptions to these conditions. Also, this is a large class and it is distracting to other students as well as the instructor if students chat to each other during the lectures.

Students who do so, or send/check e-mail, surf the web or text messages etc., during class, will have points deducted from their grade. Due to the prevelance of students using their computers for other purposes than engaging the class texts, I have requested the TA to monitor the usage of computers from the back of the class, so please do not become resentful if he performs his duties.

Required Reading:
Books available at the Douglass Coop: .
Hridayananda Dasa Gosvami, A Comprehensive Guide to Bhagavad Gita
Inc, 2016.

**Books available on Sakai:**
Dasti, Matthew. The Nyāya Sūtra: Selection with Early Commentary Hackett, Publishing:
Indianapolis, forthcoming available on Sakai.

**Tue Jan 17th**
*Focus:* General introduction to the course. The Vedic period.
*Readings:* Introduction to Indian Philosophy.

**Thur Jan 19th**
*Focus:* The Upaniṣads; India and the History of Philosophy.
*Readings:* Olivelle,
Bṛhadāranyaka 3: 4-9; 4: 1-5; 6: 2.

**Tue Jan 24th**
*Focus:* The Upaniṣads;
*Readings:* Olivelle,
Kena 1-2.
Kaṭha (entire).
Śvetāsvatara (entire).

**Thur Jan 26th**
*Focus:* The Upanisads,
*Readings:* Olivelle,
Muñḍaka (entire).
,Vetāsvatara (entire).
Māñṣubyka (entire).

Tue Jan 31st
Focus: The Yoga Sūtras
Readings: Bryant, Introduction.

Thur Feb 2nd
Focus: The Yoga Sūtras
Readings: Bryant, chapter I (text & commentary).

Tue Feb 7th
Focus: The Yoga Sūtras
Readings: Bryant, chapter I (text & commentary).

Thur Feb 9th
Focus: The Yoga Sūtras
Readings: Bryant, chapter I cont. (text & commentary).

Tue Feb 14th
Focus: The Yoga Sūtras
Readings: Bryant, chapter II (text & commentary).

Thur Feb 16th
Focus: The Yoga Sūtras
Readings: Bryant, chapter II cont (text & commentary).

Tue Feb 21st
Focus: The Yoga Sūtras
Readings: Bryant, chapters II cont. & III. 1-3 (text & commentary).

Thur Feb 23rd
Focus: Quiz 1.

Tue Feb 28th
Focus: Nyāya Sutras
Readings: Introduction 1-16 & Knowledge sources, 17-51

Thur March 2nd
Focus: Nyāya Sutras
Readings Chapter I, Knowledge sources, 17-51 (continued)

Tue March 7th
Focus: Nyāya Sutras
Readings: Chapter 2, Doubt and the philosophical Method, 52-75

Thur March 9th
Focus: Nyāya Sutras
Readings: Chapter 3, In Defense of the Real, 76-92

Tue March 14th & Thur March 16th  SPRING RECESS

Tue March 21st
Focus: Nyāya Sutras
Readings: Chapter 9, Debate 217-247

Thur March 23rd
Focus: Nyāya Sutras
Readings: Chapter 4, Self, 93-118

Tue March 28th
Focus: Nyāya Sutras
Reading: Chapter 6, God, 145-170
Thur March 30th

Focus: Quiz II.

Tue April 4th

Focus: The Bhagavad Gîtâ

Readings: A Comprehensive Guide Chapters

- Part I: Introduction 3; Historical Context 4; The Origins of the Gîtâ 6; Part II: Individual Eternal Persons (Puruṣa) 9; Part III: Nature’s Three Modes (Guṇa) 12; Part IV: Action, Reaction, Bondage (Karma) 17;
- Part V: Sacrifice or Offering (Yajña) 21

Thur April 6th

Focus: The Bhagavad Gîtâ

Readings: A Comprehensive Guide

- Part VI: God (Kṛṣṇa) 33; Features of God 33; God’s Expansive Being (Vibhūti) 37; The Supreme Person (Parama-Puruṣa) 45; Terms Reserved for Souls (Bhūta, Jīva, Dehin) 48; Kṛṣṇa’s Original Form (Rūpa) 52; Part VII: Yoga 59; The Power of Reason (Buddhi) 59; Spiritual Practice (Yoga) 64; Equality (Samatvam) 65; Renunciation (Sannyāsa) 70

Tue April 11th

Focus: The Bhagavad Gîtâ

Readings: A Comprehensive Guide

- Part VIII: Karma-yoga (Action-Yoga) 75; Arjuna’s Problem 75; The Need for Action 76; Action as Yoga and Yajña 76; Career as Yoga 78; Inaction in Action 80; Part IX: Jīṇa-yoga (Knowledge-Yoga) 84; Knowledge as a Spiritual Path
84; True Principles of Life (Tattva) 85; Scripture (Veda, Čāstra, Gītā) 89;
Spiritual Teachers 93; Sincere Students 97; Seeing the Truth (Dārāṇa) 98; Part
X: Dhyāna-yoga (Meditation-Yoga) 105; Meditation as Spiritual Practice 105;
Meditation as Spiritual Offering 108

Thur April 13th
Focus: The Bhagavad Gītā
Readings: A Comprehensive Guide
Part XI: Bhakti-yoga (The Yoga of Devotion) 109; Hierarchy of Yogas and
Yogēs 109; Knowledge of Kṛṣṇa 110; How to Attain Kṛṣṇa 114; Constancy in
Devotional Practice 118; Purity in Devotional Practice 119; Compassion Toward
All Beings 120; The Offering of Pure Love 121; Past XII: Mukti (Liberation) 126;
Negative Liberation (Freedom from) 126; Positive Liberation (Freedom to) 128;
Brahman, the Supreme Imperishable 133; Reaching Kṛṣṇa 137
Past XIII: Conclusion 145

Tue April 18th
Focus: The Bhagavad Gītā
Readings: Chapter One 151; Chapter Two 155; Chapter Three 161

Thur April 20th
Focus: The Bhagavad Gītā
Readings: Chapter Four 165; ; Chapter Five 169; Chapter Six 172; Chapter Seven
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Tue April 25th
Focus: The Bhagavad Gītā
Readings: Chapter Eight 178; Chapter Nine 181; Chapter Ten 184; Chapter Eleven
187; Chapter Twelve
192; Chapter Thirteen 194

Thur April 27th
Focus: The Bhagavad Gītā
Readings: Chapter Fourteen 197; Chapter Fifteen 200; Chapter Sixteen 202; Chapter Seventeen 204; Chapter Eighteen 207

Final Exam, May 10, 4:00-7:00 p.m.