

Hinduism

Religion: 840:322-01 Fall 2010
Tue Thur 7th period / Loree 115, Douglass Campus

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Time and Place:

Loree 115, Douglass Campus, Tue & Thur, 7th period (7:15-8:35 pm)

Course Description:

An introduction to Hinduism through readings of significant primary texts. Attention will be directed to examining these source texts theologically by considering their presentations of sacred history, ultimate reality, and self-transformation through their own terms and categories.

Course Prerequisites:

None.

Course Requirements:

Mid-term and final examinations and a final paper (8-10 pgs) due the last day of class. The final paper gives students an opportunity to probe and research in more detail any particular aspect of Hinduism that has captured their interest.

Grading:

The mid-term will account for 20% of the total grade, the final examination 30% and the final paper 40%, and class attendance and participation 10%. Students will be called upon in class to answer questions pertaining to the week's reading. **No** make-ups for missed exams will be given without valid medical proof or a signed letter from a student dean.

A = 100-90 B+ = 89-87; B = 86-80; C+ = 79-77; C = 76-70; D = 69-65; F = 64 and below.

Please note that outstanding class participation can make all the difference between grades.

Required Course Texts:

Olivelle, Patrick. *Upaniṣads*. Oxford University Press, 1996.

Swami, A. C. Bhaktivedanta. *Bhagavad-gītā As It Is*. Los Angeles: Bhaktivedanta Book Trust. ISBN: 0-89213-134-9

Bryant, Edwin F. *The Yoga Sūtras of Patañjali*. North Point Press, 2009.

Class Schedule:

Thu Sept 2nd

Course Introduction

Introduction to Kāthopaniṣat

Background and Beginning of 1st Vallī (Olivelle, pages 232-235)

Tu Sept 7th

Olivelle, General Introduction: pages xxiii-xxxvi

Kaṭhapaniṣat, 1st Vallī continued
Bṛhadāraṇyakopaniṣat 2.4.12-14 - Olivelle, pages 29-30

Th Sept 9th

Olivelle, General Introduction: pages xxxvii-lvi
Kaṭhapaniṣat, 1st Vallī completed

Tu Sept 14th

Kaṭhapaniṣat, 2nd Vallī
Olivelle, pages 235-238

Th Sept 16th

Kaṭhapaniṣat, 2nd Vallī continued

Tu Sept 21st

Kaṭhapaniṣat, 3rd Vallī
Olivelle, pages 238-240

Th Sept 23rd

Kaṭhapaniṣat, 3rd Vallī continued

Tu Sept 28th

Kaṭhapaniṣat, 4th Vallī
Olivelle, pages 240-242

Th Sept 30th

Kaṭhapaniṣat, 4th Vallī continued

Tu Oct 5th

Kaṭhapaniṣat, 5th Vallī
Olivelle, pages 242-244

Th Oct 7th

Kaṭhapaniṣat, 5th Vallī continued

Tu Oct 12th

Mid-term Examination

Th Oct 14th

Kaṭhapaniṣat, 6th Vallī
Olivelle, pages 244-247

Tu Oct 19th

Kaṭhapaniṣat, 6th Vallī completed

Th Oct 21st

Selected passages from the Īśāvāsyopaniṣat, Muṇḍakopaniṣat, etc.

Tu Oct 26th

Bhagavad-gītā, introduction & chapters 1-2

Bhaktivedanta, pages xxii-lx, 1-38

Th Oct 28th

Bhagavad-gītā, chapter 2 continued

Bhaktivedanta, pages 38-75

Tu Nov 2nd

Bhagavad-gītā, chapters 2-3

Bhaktivedanta, pages 75-95

Th Nov 4th

Bhagavad-gītā, chapter 3 continued

Bhaktivedanta, pages 96-125

Tu Nov 9th

Bhagavad-gītā, chapters 4-5

Bhaktivedanta, pages 127-197

Th Nov 11th

Bhagavad-gītā, chapter 6

Bhaktivedanta, pages 199-238

Tu Nov 16th

Bhagavad-gītā, chapters 7-8

Bhaktivedanta, pages 239-304

Th Nov 18th

Bhagavad-gītā, chapter 9-11

Bhaktivedanta, pages 305-423

Tu Nov 23rd

Yoga-sūtra, introduction & 1st Pāda, selected sūtras

Bryant, pages 3-72

Tu Nov 30th

Yoga-sūtra, 1st Pāda, selected sūtras

Bryant, pages 81-130

Th Dec 2nd

Yoga-sūtra, 2nd Pāda, selected sūtras

Bryant, pages 169-222; 240-300

Tu Dec 7th

Yoga-sūtra, 3rd Pāda, selected sūtras
Bryant, pages 302-339

Th Dec 9th

Final Class

Yoga-sūtra, 4th Pāda, selected sūtras & conclusion
Bryant, pages 406-430
Discussion – Discussion & Review

Th Dec 16th

8-11 pm - Final Examination