

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY – New Brunswick
RELIGION (840): 368
HINDU PHILOSOPHY

Fall Semester 2010
2:50 – 4:10 PM
Tuesday & Thursday

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Course Description and Objectives: This course will present an overview of some of the main schools of the Indian philosophical tradition. Our inquiry will bring us into direct confrontation with traditional philosophical questions such as, “What is the nature of the ‘soul’?”; “How do we know?”; “What is ‘right’ action?” Students will be expected to approach these and other questions by incorporating Indian ways of thinking. The course will utilize primary texts wherever possible.

Course Requirements: Students are expected to complete reading assignments in advance of class. Class attendance and participation will make up 15% of the final grade; two in-class tests will make up 50% of the final grade (25% each); a final cumulative exam will make up 35% 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.

Cell Phone and Computer Policy

Use of cell phones during class (calls, texting, etc) and computers for any reason other than taking notes is **strictly prohibited**. Students who violate this condition will have points deducted from their final grades.

Food and Beverages Policy

Feel free to eat and drink in class.

Sleeping in Class

Don't even think about it!

Books and Other Reading (*available at the Rutgers University Bookstore*):

Required

S. Chatterjee and D. Datta, D. *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*. New Delhi: Rupa, 2007.

P. Olivelle, Patrick, tr. *The Upanisads*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996.

L. Patton, tr., *Bhagavad Gita*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.

W. Johnson, *Sauptikaparvan of Mahabharata: The Massacre at Night*. Oxford: Oxford U. Press, 2008.

Other readings will be made available electronically via .pdf on the course sakai website.

Recommended

Edwin Bryant, *The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali*. New York: Farrar Straus and Giroux, 2009.

PLEASE NOTE: FINAL EXAM IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY 12/23/2010 FROM 12 TO 3 PM

SCHEDULE:

The following schedule may be changed, *at the instructor's discretion*, to reflect the pace of the class.

	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
Week 1 09/02		Course objectives
Week 2 09/07 – 09/09	Background – India Chatterjee & Datta, pp. 1-51	Vedic India Vedic Hymns (selections) (.pdf)
Week 3 09/14 – 09/16	Vedic Sacrifice Tull, “Killing that is Not Killing” (.pdf)	Late Vedic Period Olivelle, <i>The Upanisads</i> , pp. 7 - 94
Week 4 09/21 – 09/23	Late Vedic Period Olivelle, <i>The Upanisads</i> , pp. 98-176	Late Vedic Period Olivelle, <i>The Upanisads</i> , pp. 232-47
Week 5 09/18 – 09/30	Jainism & Carvaka Chatterjee & Datta, pp. 68-104; 52-67	Buddhism I Chatterjee & Datta, pp. 107-48; Milinda-panha (.pdf)
Week 6 10/05 – 10/07	Buddhism II Madhyamaka-karika (.pdf)	Review
Week 7 10/12 – 10/14	Test I	Samkhya –Yoga Chatterjee & Datta, pp. 237-70; 271-89
Week 8 10/19 – 10/21	Samkhya -Yoga Samkhya Karika (.pdf)	Samkhya-Yoga Yogasutra (.pdf)
Week 9 10/26 – 10/28	Nyaya-Vaisheshika Chatterjee & Datta, pp. 149-210	Nyaya-Vaisheshika Chatterjee & Datta, pp. 211-36
Week 10 11/02 – 11/04	Mimamsa-Vedanta Chatterjee & Datta, pp. 291-316	Mimamsa-Vedanta Chatterjee & Datta, pp. 317-98
Week 11 11/09 – 11/11	Mimamsa-Vedanta Upadesha-sahasri (.pdf)	Review
Week 12 11/16 – 11/18	Test II Patton, <i>Bhagavad Gita</i> , bks. 1-4	Bhagavad Gita Patton, <i>Bhagavad Gita</i> , bks. 5-10
Week 13 11/23 – 10/25	Bhagavad Gita Patton, <i>Bhagavad Gita</i> , bks. 11-18	THANKSGIVING NO CLASS
Week 14 11/30 – 12/02	Bhagavad Gita Patton, <i>Bhagavad Gita</i>	Ethics “Is There an Indian Way of Thinking” (.pdf)
Week 15 12/07 – 12/09	Ethics Johnson, <i>Saṃtikaparvan</i>	Ethics Johnson, <i>Saṃtikaparvan</i>

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