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## **Seminar Study of Religion: Bhakti Yoga**

LOREE 131, DC

Tuesdays Period 1&2; 9:15-12:15

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### **Course Description and Objectives:**

An encounter with the yoga path of bhakti associated with the Krishna tradition as expressed in the Bhagavata Purana, one of the most important bhakti texts in Hinduism. The course will primarily consist of an in depth reading of Book 10 and 11 of this Purana, as well as the 16<sup>th</sup> century Bhaktirasamrita Sindhu, written by Rupa Gosvami, one of the principle philosophical texts of the Chaitanya School.

**Course Prerequisites:** For Religion Majors.

**Course Requirement:** Class attendance and participation (10% of the final grade – 4 or more absences constitutes a Fail grade); a mid-term (20% of the final grade each); and a final cumulative exam (30% of the final grade); and a final paper (40% of the final grade). **Please note: there are no make-ups for missed 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.**

**Required Reading: (*Books available at the Book Store*):**

Bryant, Edwin *Krishna: The Beautiful Legend of God (Srimad Bhagavata Purana Book X)*  
London: Penguin Classics, 2003

Dasa et al, *The Uddhava Gita* Kolkata: Touchstone Media, *n.d.*

Haberman, David *The Bhaktirasamrita Sindhu* Delhi: Indira Gandhi National Center for the  
Arts, 2003

**Tue Jan 18th**

*Focus:* General introduction to the course.

**Tue Jan 25th**

*Focus:* Bhagavata Purana Book X.

*Readings:* Bryant, Intro & Chapters 1-10

**Tue Feb 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Focus:* Bhagavata Purana Book X.

*Readings:* Bryant, Chapters 11-40

**Tue Feb 8th**

*Focus:* Bhagavata Purana Book X.

*Readings:* Bryant, Chapters 41-65

**Tue Feb 15th**

*Focus:* Bhagavata Purana Book X & XI.

*Readings:* Bryant, Chapters 66-90; Book XI, chapters 1, 6, 29-31

**Tue Feb 22nd**

*Focus:* Bhagavata Purana Book XI; Uddhava Gita

*Readings:* Chapters 1-5

**Tue March 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Focus:* Uddhava Gita

*Readings:* Chapters 6-10

**Tue March 8th**

*Focus:* Uddhava Gita

*Readings:* Chapters 11- 15

**Spring Break**

**Tue March 22rd**

*Focus:* Uddhava Gita

*Readings:* Chapters 16-19

**Tue March 29th**

*Focus:* Uddhava Gita

*Readings:* Chapters 20-23

**Tue April 5th**

*Focus:* Bhaktirasamrita Sindhu

*Readings:* Introduction & Eastern Quadrant, waves 1-4, pps xxvii-lxvii; & 1-123

**Tue April 12th**

*Focus:* Bhaktirasamrita Sindhu

*Readings:* Southern Quadrant, waves 1-4, pps 1-124-394

**Tue April 19th**

*Focus:* Bhaktirasamrita Sindhu

*Readings:* Western Quadrant, waves 1-5, pps 396-546

**Tue April 26th**

*Focus:* Bhaktirasamrita Sindhu

*Readings:* Northern Quadrant, waves 1-9, pps 548-661

**Final Exam** Final - Tuesday, 5/10, 8am - 11am, Loree 131