

Introduction to Hindu philosophy (Religion 368)
Tue/Thur 6:00-9:55pm Scott Hall Rm 104 College Avenue Campus
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Course Description and Objectives: This course will attempt an overview of some of the main schools of ancient Indian thought prior to the 16th century. Attention will be paid to some of the prominent interconnections and points of contestation amongst some of these schools. The course will utilize primary texts wherever possible.

Course prerequisites: none.

Course Requirement: Class attendance and participation (10% of the final grade); mid-term exam (30% of the final grade); a final cumulative exam (60% of the final grade).

Required Reading

Available at the Rutgers University Bookstore (Douglass Campus):

Chatterjee, S and Datta, D. An Introduction to Indian Philosophy. Calcutta: Calcutta University press, 1984.

Olivelle, Patrick. The Upanisads. Oxford: Oxford university press, 1996.

Shukavak Das, Bhagavad Gita. Riverside, CA: Shri, 2004.

Available on electronic reserves at Alexander library:
Satyanarayana Das.

Session I. June 28th

Focus: General introduction the course.

Readings: Chatterjee and Datta, 1-52.

Session II. June 30th

Focus: The Upanisads

Readings: Olivelle

Brihadaranyaka **1:** 1-2,4; **2:** 1, 3-5; **3:** 4-9; **4:** 2-5; **6:** 2.

Chandogya **3:** 14; **4:** 4; **5:** 3-10; **6:** 1-2; 9-15; **8:** 7-15.

Taittiriya **2:** 1-8.

Aitareya **1:** 1.

Kausitaki **4:** 1-20.

Session III. July 7th

Focus: The Upanisads,

Readings: Chatterjee and Datta, 53-70

Olivelle,

Kena (entire).

Katha (entire).

Isa (entire).

Svetasvatara (entire).

Mundaka (entire).

Prasna (entire).

Mandukya (entire).

Session IV. July 12th

Focus: Samkhya/Vaisesika/Nyaya

Readings: Chatterjee and Datta, 161-288.

Session V. July 14th

Focus: The Yoga Sutras

Readings: Bryant, Chapter I

Session VI. July 19th

Focus: The Yoga Sutras

Readings: Bryant, Chapter II; Chapter III.1-3.

Session VII. July 21st

Focus: Mimamsa/Vedanta

Readings: Chatterjee and Datta, 313-417

Session VIII. July 26th

Focus: Vedanta Sutras, Ramanuja,

Gaudiya Vedanta, The Sat Sandarbhas of Jiva Goswami

Readings: Chatterjee and Datta, 417-429; Satyanaranana Das, 373-408

Session IX. July 28th

Focus: The Sat Sandarbhas of Jiva Goswami (cont).

Readings: To be announced.

Session X. Aug 2nd

Focus: The Bhagavad Gita

Readings: Shukavak, Chapters 1-18

Session XI. Aug 4th FINAL EXAM