

Introduction to Hindu Philosophy

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Tues/Thurs period 6th period (5:35 pm- 6:55pm)

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Course Description and Objectives: This course will attempt an overview (and no more) of some of the main schools 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 these schools. The course will utilize primary texts wherever possible.

Course Requirement: Class attendance and participation (10% of the final grade); in-class clicker quizzes (20% of the final grade); two non-cumulative quizzes (20% of the final grade each); a final cumulative quiz (30% 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 or text messages etc., during class, will have points deducted from their grade.

Laptops:

It has now been formally researched and documented that a majority of students using laptops in class are surfing the web. For this reason, several of my colleagues do not allow laptops in class, but i feel this penalizes students sincerely using laptops to take notes. Hence my present policy is that **anyone wishing to use a laptop in class must sit in the first two rows.** Anyone not honoring this will lose grade points. Additionally, I have instructed my TA to sit in the back of the class and report to me anyone who is online or texting, etc., during class. It is unfortunate that my own past experience causes me to take such measures. Anyone surfing the web, texting, or otherwise using any electronic device for any purpose other than note taking will lose grade points. Please do not make this awkward for us or for yourself. It is my dharma to create an environment optimal for learning, and it is your dharma to honor this. Let's all please play fair.

Required Reading

Books available at the Douglass Coop: .

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

Gupta, Bina. *Introduction to Indian Philosophy*. New York: Routledge, 2012.

Bryant, Edwin, *The Yoga Sūtras of Patañjali: A New Edition, Translation, and Commentary*.
New York: Farrar Straus and Giroux, 2009

Shukavak Das, *Bhagavad Gītā*. Riverside, CA: Shri, 2004.

Xerox available on Sakai:

Mayeda, Sengaku *A Thousand Teachings*. New York: SUNY Press, 1992

Also required for this course is an iClicker for the purposes of attendance and a short reading quiz at the start of each class. They are available for purchase at the University Book Store. Once obtaining your clicker, follow the instructions to go online and register your remote ID so that your in-class responses will be linked to your name and student ID.

Tue Sept 2nd

Focus: General introduction to the course. The Vedic period.

Readings: Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Appendix I, 43-46.

Thur Sept 4th

Focus: The Upaniṣads

Readings: Olivelle,

Ṛhadāraṇyaka 2:4, 3: 4-9; 4: 3-5; 6: 2.

Gupta, Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Chaps 1-2.

Tue Sept 9th

Focus: The Upaniṣads

Readings: Olivelle,

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

Taittirīya 2: 1-8.

Kauṣītāki 4: 1-20.

Gupta, Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Chap 2.

Thur Sept 11th

Focus: The Upaniṣads,

Readings: Olivelle,

Kena 1-2.

Kāṭha (entire).

īśā (entire).

Tue Sept 16th

Focus: The Upaniṣads

Readings: Olivelle,

Muṇḍaka (entire).

Śvetāśvatara (entire).

Thur Sept 18th

Focus: The Upaniṣads, Cārvāka and the Śramaṇa

Readings: Olivelle,

Māṇḍūkya (entire).

Gupta, Introduction to Indian Philosophy, chapter 4; Appendix II 100-103

Tue Sept 23rd

Focus: The Jaina *darśana*

Readings: Gupta, Introduction to Indian Philosophy, chapter 5; Appendix II 103-104

Thur Sept 25th

Focus: The Bauddha *darśana*

Readings: Gupta, Introduction to Indian Philosophy, chapter 6; Appendix II 104-109

Tues Sept 30th

Focus: Mīmāṃsā

Readings: Gupta, Introduction to Indian Philosophy, chapter 7; Appendix III 190-192

Thur Oct 2nd

Focus: The Sāṃkhya *darśana*

Readings: Gupta, Introduction to Indian Philosophy, chapter 8; Appendix III 192-194

Tue Oct 7th

Focus: The Vaiśeṣika *darśana*

Readings: Gupta, Introduction to Indian Philosophy, chapter 10; Appendix III 196-198

Thur Oct 9th

Focus: **Quiz I.**

Tue Oct 14th

Focus: The Nyāya *darśana*

Readings: Gupta, Introduction to Indian Philosophy, chapter 11; Appendix III 198-200

Thur Oct 16th

Focus: The Buddhist schools

Readings: Gupta, Introduction to Indian Philosophy, chapter 12; Appendix IV 264-269

Tue Oct 21st

Focus: The Vedānta *darśana*

Readings: Gupta, Introduction to Indian Philosophy, chapter 13; Appendix IV 269-274

Thur Oct 23rd

Focus: The Yoga Sūtras

Readings: Bryant, chapter I (text & commentary).

Tue Oct 28th

Focus: The Yoga Sūtras

Readings: Bryant, chapter I cont. (text & commentary).

Thur Oct 30th

Focus: The Yoga Sūtras

Readings: Bryant, chapter II (text & commentary).

Tue Nov 4th

Focus: The Yoga Sūtras

Readings: Bryant, chapter II cont (text & commentary); Jain Ethics of Non-Injury.

Thur Nov 6th

Focus: The Yoga Sūtras

Readings: Bryant, chapters II cont. & III. 1-3 (text & commentary).

Tue Nov 11th

Focus: **Quiz II.**

Thur Nov 13th

Focus: The Gītā

Readings: Chapters 1-2.

Tue Nov 18th

Focus: The Gītā

Readings: Chapters 3-6.

Thur Nov 20th

Focus: The Gītā

Readings: Chapters 7-12.

Tue Nov 25th

Focus: The Gītā

Readings: Chapters 13-17.

Thur Nov 27th

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Tue Dec 2nd

Focus: The Gītā

Readings: Chapters 18.

Thur Dec 4th

Quiz III.

Thur Dec 9th

Last Day of class.