## Course Schedule

**Important:** ALL TIMES EASTERN - Please see the [University Policies](#) section of your Syllabus for details.

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<td>Module 01: Introduction</td>
<td>Preface and Chapter 1</td>
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<td>Module 04: Hindu Worlds of Meaning</td>
<td>Chapter 5</td>
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<td>Week 5</td>
<td>Module 05: The Path of the Jains</td>
<td>Chapter 9</td>
<td>Test 1</td>
<td>Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM</td>
<td>Friday, February 2, 2018 at 11:59 PM</td>
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**Reading Week - Study Days (Sunday, February 18, 2018 to Saturday, February 24, 2018)**

| Week 8 | Module 08: The Way of the Sikhs | Chapter 10 |                            |                                          |                                       |            |
| Week 9 | Module 09: Chinese Religions I | Chapter 11  | Test 2                     | Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 12:00 AM    | Friday, March 9, 2018 at 11:59 PM     | 20%        |
| Week 10| Module 10: Chinese Religions II | Chapters 12 and 13 |                            |                                          |                                       |            |
Final Examination Arrangements and Schedule

Please carefully review the information about writing exams for online courses, including dates, locations, how to make examination arrangements, writing with a proctor, and deadlines.

If you are taking any on-campus courses, you will automatically be scheduled to write your exam on campus. No action is required.

If you are taking only online courses, do one of the following:

- If your address in QUEST is within 100 km of an examination centre, you must choose an exam centre in Quest by **Sunday, January 14, 2018**. This must be done each term.
- If your address in Quest is more than 100 km from an exam centre, you must arrange for a proctor. Please review the guidelines and deadlines for writing with a proctor. This must be done each term.

Your online course exam schedule will be available in Quest approximately four weeks before your exam date(s). Instructions on how to find your schedule are posted on the **Quest Help** page.

University of Waterloo Senate-approved academic regulations related to assignments, test, and final exams can be found on the Registrar's website.

Official Grades and Course Access

Official Grades and Academic Standings are available through **Quest**.

Your access to this course will continue for the duration of the current term. You will not have access to this course once the next term begins.
Contact Information

Announcements

Your instructor uses the **Announcements** widget on the **Course Home** page to make announcements during the term to communicate new or changing information regarding due dates, instructor absence, etc., as needed. You are expected to read the **Announcements** on a regular basis.

To ensure you are viewing the complete list of announcements, you may need to click **Show All Announcements**.

Discussions

A **General Discussion** topic* has also been made available to allow students to communicate with peers in the course. Your instructor may drop in at this discussion topic.

Contact Us

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| **Instructor** | **Post your course-related questions** to the **Ask the Instructor** discussion topic*. This allows other students to benefit from your question as well. **Questions of a personal nature** can be directed to your instructor.  
Instructor: Marybeth White  
marybeth@uwaterloo.ca  
Your instructor checks email and the **Ask the Instructor** discussion topic* frequently and will make every effort to reply to your questions within 24–48 hours, Monday to Friday. |
| **Technical Support, Centre for Extended Learning** | **learnhelp@uwaterloo.ca**  
Include your full name, WatIAM user ID, student number, and course name and number. |
Technical support is available during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (Eastern Time).

**LEARN Help Student Documentation**

**Learner Support Services**, Centre for Extended Learning
- General inquiries
- WatCards (Student ID Cards)
- Examination information

**Student Resources**
- extendedlearning@uwaterloo.ca
- +1 519-888-4002

Include your full name, WatIAM user ID, student number, and course name and number.

*Discussion topics can be accessed by clicking **Connect** and then **Discussions** on the course navigation bar above.*
Course Description and Objectives

Description

This course provides an introduction to the major religious traditions of India, Southeast Asia, China and Japan: Hindu, Buddhist, Jain, Sikh, Confucian, Daoist, and Shinto. Each of these traditions provides a ‘higher vision’ of human life, both individually and collectively, and practices through which we can attain that vision. Each of these traditions struggles with the ‘fundamental questions’ of human existence—why is there suffering and death? Is there purpose and meaning to human existence?—and each tradition provides answers to those questions.

Objectives

Students will be able to explain the basic beliefs and practices of several Asian religions. They will be able to explain the adaptation of these religious traditions over time and to new cultures. Finally, students will be able to explain the role of Asian religions in providing responses to anomie (lack of meaning), chaos and death.

This online course was developed by Mavis Fenn, with instructional design and multimedia development support provided by the Centre for Extended Learning. Further media production was provided by Instructional Technologies and Multimedia Services.
About the Course Instructor

Course Instructor - Marybeth White

Educational Background

Dr. Marybeth White is a recent graduate from the Wilfrid Laurier - University of Waterloo joint doctoral program, "Religious Diversity in North America." She completed her M.A. in Religion and Culture at Wilfrid Laurier University in 2004 and an Honours B.A. in philosophy and religious studies at York University in 2000.

Current Research

Last year Marybeth completed six years of field research with a Lao Buddhist community in Caledon, Ontario. She is analyzing the community's re-creation of sacred space within the context of their experience as a refugee community in multicultural Canada.

Philosophy of Teaching

I endeavour to empower my students to think critically, and make choices about their studies and lives that reflect a mindful approach to the consequences of their actions – academically and otherwise.

Family/Interests

Marybeth lives with a wonderfully supportive partner, Richard, and three children (one in the workforce, one finishing post secondary studies, and one in high school). She also shares her house with cats and guinea pigs, relishing time spent reading in the sun and working in the garden.
Textbook

Required


For textbook ordering information, please contact the Waterloo Bookstore.

For your convenience, you can compile a list of required and optional course materials through BookLook using your Quest userID and password. If you are having difficulties ordering online and wish to call the Waterloo Bookstore, their phone number is +1 519-888-4673 or toll-free at +1 866-330-7933. Please be aware that textbook orders CANNOT be taken over the phone.

Resources

- [Library services for co-op students on work term and distance education students](#)
## Grade Breakdown

The following table shows the grade breakdown of this course.

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<td>Final Examination</td>
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University Policies

Submission Times

Please be aware that the University of Waterloo is located in the Eastern Time Zone (GMT or UTC-5 during standard time and UTC-4 during daylight saving time) and, as such, the time that your activities and/or assignments are due is based on this zone. If you are outside the Eastern Time Zone and require assistance with converting your time, please try the Ontario, Canada Time Converter.

Accommodation Due to Illness

If your instructor has provided specific procedures for you to follow if you miss assignment due dates, term tests, or a final examination, adhere to those instructions. Otherwise:

Missed Assignments/Tests/Quizzes

Contact the instructor as soon as you realize there will be a problem, and preferably within 48 hours, but no more than 72 hours, have a medical practitioner complete a Verification of Illness Form. Email a scanned copy of the Verification of Illness Form to your instructor. In your email to the instructor, provide your name, student ID number, and exactly what course activity you missed.

Further information regarding Management of Requests for Accommodation Due to Illness can be found on the Accommodation due to illness page.

Missed Final Examinations

If this course has a final exam and if you are unable to write a final examination due to illness, seek medical treatment and have a medical practitioner complete a Verification of Illness Form. Email a scanned copy to the Centre for Extended Learning (CEL) at extendedlearning@uwaterloo.ca within 48 hours of your missed exam. Make sure you include your name, student ID number, and the exam(s) missed. You will be REQUIRED to hand in the original completed form before you write the make-up examination.

After your completed Verification of Illness Form has been received and processed, you will be emailed your alternate exam date and time. This can take up to 2 business days. If you are within 150 km of Waterloo you should be prepared to write in Waterloo on the additional CEL exam dates. If you live outside the 150 km radius, CEL will work with you to make suitable arrangements.

Further information about Examination Accommodation Due to Illness regulations is available in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Academic Integrity

In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo community are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. If you have not already completed the online tutorial regarding academic integrity you should do so as soon as possible. Undergraduate students should see the Academic Integrity Tutorial and graduate students should see the Graduate Students and Academic Integrity website.

Proper citations are part of academic integrity. Citations in CEL course materials usually follow CEL style, which is...
based on APA style. Your course may follow a different style. If you are uncertain which style to use for an assignment, please confirm with your instructor or TA.

For further information on academic integrity, please visit the Office of Academic Integrity.

**Discipline**

A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity to avoid committing an academic offence, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offence, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offences (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about “rules” for group work/collaboration, should seek guidance from the course instructor, academic advisor, or the undergraduate Associate Dean. For information on categories of offences and types of penalties, students should refer to Policy 71 - Student Discipline. For typical penalties, check Guidelines for the Assessment of Penalties.

**Appeals**

A decision made or penalty imposed under Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances, (other than a petition) or Policy 71 - Student Discipline, may be appealed if there is a ground. A student who believes he/she has a ground for an appeal should refer to Policy 72 - Student Appeals.

**Grievance**

A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of his/her university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances, Section 4. When in doubt please be certain to contact the department’s administrative assistant who will provide further assistance.

**Final Grades**

In accordance with Policy 46 - Information Management, Appendix A - Access to and Release of Student Information, the Centre for Extended Learning does not release final examination grades or final course grades to students. Students must go to Quest to see all final grades. Any grades posted in Waterloo LEARN are unofficial.

**AccessAbility Services**

AccessAbility Services, located in Needles Hall, collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodation to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with AccessAbility Services at the beginning of each academic term and for each course.

**Accessibility Statement**

The Centre for Extended Learning strives to meet the needs of all our online learners. Our ongoing efforts to become aligned with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) are guided by University of Waterloo accessibility Legislation and policy and the World Wide Web Consortium’s (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0. The majority of our online courses are currently delivered via the Desire2Learn Learning Environment. Learn more about Desire2Learn’s Accessibility Standards Compliance.

**Use of Computing and Network Resources**
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