

Syllabus
RS100CEL
Religions of Asia
W2022



Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we live and work on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Neutral), Anishinaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. The University of Waterloo is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land promised to the Six Nations that includes ten kilometres on each side of the Grand River.

Course Description

This course is an introduction to Asian Religions, formerly called 'Eastern Religions'. Beginning with an introduction to the study of religion, the course then turns to important terms, major developments, rituals, and central religious themes within Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Jainism, Confucianism, Taoism, and Shinto. A Canadian and North American focus will also be included for each tradition.

This online course was developed by Doris Jakobsh, with instructional design and multimedia development support provided by the Centre for Extended Learning.

About the Course Author

Course Author — Doris Jakobsh

Background

Doris R. Jakobsh is a Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Waterloo. She received her academic training at the University of Waterloo, Harvard University, and the University of British Columbia. Professor Jakobsh has written and edited numerous books, including the textbook utilized in this course. She has also published individual articles and chapters in journals and books. Her main area of specialization focuses on gender

construction within the Sikh tradition. Professor Jakobsh has lived and traveled extensively in Asia, primarily in India.

Contact Information

Who and Why	Contact Details
<p>Instructor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions can be directed to your TA by email. 	<p>Instructor for the Winter 2022 Term: Marybeth White marybeth@uwaterloo.ca</p>
<p>Technical Support, Centre for Extended Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical problems with Waterloo LEARN 	<p>learnhelp@uwaterloo.ca</p> <p>Include your full name, WatIAM user ID, student number, and course name and number.</p> <p>Technical support is available during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (Eastern Time).</p> <p>LEARN Help Student Documentation</p>
<p>Learner Support Services, Centre for Extended Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General inquiries • WatCards (Student ID Cards) • Examination information 	<p>Student Resources</p> <p>extendedlearning@uwaterloo.ca +1 519-888-4002</p> <p>Include your full name, WatIAM user ID, student number, and course name and number.</p>

Discussions

A **General Discussion** board has also been made available to allow students to communicate with peers in the course. Your instructor may drop in at this discussion topic. Discussion topics can be accessed by clicking **Connect** and then **Discussions** on the LEARN course navigation bar.

Announcements

Your instructor uses the **Announcements** widget on the **Course Home** page 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**.

Grade Breakdown

The following table represents the grade breakdown of this course.

Activities and Assignments	Weight (%)
Introduce Yourself	Ungraded
Quizzes (12 total at 5% each)	60%
Reflection Assignments (4 total at 5% each) 1. The Study of Religion Reflection (1d) 2. Hinduism Reflection (3b) 3. Jainism Reflection (5c) 4. Buddhism Reflection (8d)	20%
Komagata Maru Assignment	12%
News Media Article Analysis	8%

Materials and Resources

Textbook (Required)

Jakobsh, Doris R. (2013). *World Religions, Canadian Perspectives: Eastern Traditions*. Nelson.

For textbook ordering information, please contact the [W Store | Course Materials + Supplies](#).

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 Extended Learning students](#)

Course Policies

Late Policy

Please complete and submit your assignment by the due date listed in the [Course Schedule](#). Late assignments will be docked 0.5 marks per day, for up to five business days, when assignments will no longer be accepted. Further, students should be aware that all submissions to any Dropbox are timestamped. Therefore, regardless of the Dropbox that the assignment has been submitted to, it will be considered late if the timestamp is after the due date.

There are no make-up assignments for late or missed assignments in this course.

Students who require an extension must speak to the instructor **before** an assignment is due and provide a rationale for the extension. The instructor reserves the right to grant or not grant the extension. Should a student miss an assignment, a medical note or verifiable information must be provided. Please see the [University Policies](#) page for more information on Submission Times and Accommodation Due to Illness

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.

Course Schedule

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

Week	Module	Readings and Other Assigned Material	Activities and Assignments	Begin Date	Due Date	Weight (%)
Week 1	Module 01: The Study of Religion	Text: Introduction, pages vi-x, Chapter 1	Introduce Yourself	Monday, January 5, 2022	Suggested due date: Friday, January 7, 2022 at 11:55 PM Actual due date: Friday, January 21, 2022 at 11:55 PM	Ungraded
Week 2	Module 02: Hinduism	Text: Chapter 2	Reflection Assignment: The Study of Religion		Suggested due date: Friday, January 14, 2022 at 11:55 PM Actual due date: Friday, January 21, 2022 at 11:55 PM	5%
			Quizzes - Quiz 1		Suggested due date: Sunday, January 16,	5%

					2022 at 11:55 PM Actual due date: Friday, January 21, 2022 at 11:55 PM	
			Quizzes - Quiz 2		Suggested due date: Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 11:55 PM Actual due date: Friday, January 21, 2022 at 11:55 PM	5%
Week 3	Module 02: Hinduism	Text: Chapter 2	Quizzes - Quiz 3	Monday, January 17, 2022 at 9:00 AM	Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 11:55 PM	5%
Week 4	Module 02: Hinduism	Text: Chapter 2	Reflection Assignment: Hinduism		Friday, January 28, 2022 at 11:55 PM	5%
			Quizzes - Quiz 4	Monday, January 24, 2022 at 9:00 AM	Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 11:55 PM	5%
Week 5	Module 03: Jainism	Text: Chapter 3	Quizzes - Quiz 5	Monday, January 31, 2022 at 9:00 AM	Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 11:55 PM	5%
Week 6	Module 04: Sikhism	Text: Chapter 4	Reflection Assignment: Jainism Reflection		Friday, February 11, 2022 at 11:55 PM	5%
			Quizzes - Quiz 6	Monday, February 7, 2022 at 9:00 AM	Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 11:55 PM	5%
			Start - Komagata Maru Assignment	Friday, February 11, 2022		

Reading Week (Saturday, February 19, 2022 to Sunday, February 27, 2022)						
Week 7	Module 05: Buddhism	Text: Chapter 5	Quizzes - Quiz 7	Monday, February 14, 2022 at 9:00 AM	Monday February 28, 2022 at 11:55 PM	5%
Week 8	Module 05: Buddhism	Text: Chapter 5	Komagata Maru Assignment		Friday March 4, 2022 at 11:55 PM	12%
			Quizzes - Quiz 8	Monday, February 28, 2022 at 9:00 AM	Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 11:55 PM	5%
Week 9	Module 05: Buddhism	Text: Chapter 5	Reflection Assignment: Buddhism Reflection		Friday, March 11, 2022 at 11:55 PM	5%
			Quizzes - Quiz 9	Monday, March 7, 2022 at 9:00 AM	Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 11:55 PM	5%
			Start - News Media Article Analysis	Friday, March 11, 2022		
Week 10	Module 6: Confucianism and Daoism	Text: Chapter 6	Quizzes - Quiz 10	Monday, March 14, 2022 at 9:00 AM	Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 11:55 PM	5%
Week 11	Module 6: Confucianism and Daoism	Text: Chapter 6	News Media Article Analysis		Friday, March 25, 2022 at 11:55 PM	8%
			Quizzes - Quiz 11	Monday, March 21, 2022 at 9:00 AM	Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 11:55 PM	5%
Week 12	Module 7: Shinto	Text: Chapter 7	Quizzes - Quiz 12	Monday, March 28, 2022 at 9:00 AM	Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 11:55 PM	5%
There is no final examination for this course.						

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](#).

Turnitin

Turnitin.com: Text matching software (Turnitin®) may be used to screen assignments in this course. Turnitin® is used to verify that all materials and sources in assignments are documented. Students' submissions are stored on a U.S. server, therefore students must be given an alternative (e.g., scaffolded assignment or annotated bibliography), if they are concerned about their privacy and/or security. Students will be given due notice, in the first week of the term and/or at the time assignment details are provided, about arrangements and alternatives for the use of Turnitin® in this course.

It is the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor if they, in the first week of term or at the time assignment details are provided, wish to submit the alternate assignment.

[Turnitin® at Waterloo](#)

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.

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Use of Computing and Network Resources

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