

Religions of Asia Spring 2024

RS 100

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Class Schedule

Course	Meet Days	Meet Time	Location	Instructor(s)
RS 100 081 [LEC]			ONLN - Online	M. White marybeth@uwater...

schedule data automatically refreshed daily

Instructor & TA (Teaching Assistant) Information

Use the LEARN Course Discussions forum to communicate with your instructor and classmates. Discussion topics can be accessed in LEARN by clicking Connect and then Discussions on the course navigation bar.

For questions of a personal nature, please email your instructor or your TA:

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Course Description

Calendar Description for RS 100:

An introduction to religious traditions of Asia, including Hinduism, Buddhism, and East Asian traditions. Further topics may include Sikhism, Jainism, and Shinto. [Note: This course fulfils an Area 1 requirement for Religious Studies majors.]

This course is an introduction to major religions that originated in South and East Asia. 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.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course students should be able to:

Identify Key Understandings of the Hindu, Jain, Sikh, Buddhist, Confucian, Daoist, and Shinto Traditions
Engage with the Learning Outcomes for Each Specific Module

Tentative Course Schedule

Please see the Course Schedule in LEARN for complete details.

Texts / Materials

Title / Name	Notes / Comments	Required
Jakobsh, Doris R. (2013). World Religions, Canadian Perspectives: Eastern Traditions. Nelson.		Yes

For textbook ordering information, please contact the [W Store | Course Materials + Supplies](https://wstore.uwaterloo.ca/) (<https://wstore.uwaterloo.ca/>).

Student Assessment

Component	Value
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%

Quizzes are to be completed during the weekly access period.

Written Assignments are to be submitted to the appropriate drop box. If a small extension is required, the

course director must be emailed prior to the due date. There is a 5% per day late penalty for late submissions. Assignments will not be accepted beyond seven days after the drop box closes.

Assignment Screening

Text matching software (Turnitin) will be used to screen assignments in this course. This is being done to verify that use of all material and sources in assignments is documented. In the first week of the term, details will be provided about the arrangements for the use of Turnitin and alternatives in this course. See Administrative Policy below for more information and links.

Administrative Policy

Course Policies

Late Policy

Please complete and submit your assignment by the due date listed in the Course Schedule in LEARN. Accommodation is already automatically built into this course, as all assessments have preferred due dates and final deadlines. There are no make-up assignments for late or missed assignments in this course. Students who require a further 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. Please see the University Policies page for more information on Submission Times and Accommodation Due to Illness. Should a student miss an assignment, a medical note or verifiable information must be provided. Please see the University Policies for more information on Submission Times and Accommodation Due to Illness.

There are no make-up assignments for late or missed assignments in this course. Students must do their own work, without help from others or artificial intelligence tools.

Territorial Acknowledgement

The University of Waterloo acknowledges that much of our work takes place on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. Our main campus is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land granted to the Six Nations that includes six miles on each side of the Grand River. Our active work toward reconciliation takes place across our campuses through research, learning, teaching, and community building, and is centralized within the [Office of Indigenous Relations](https://uwaterloo.ca/indigenous) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/indigenous>).

University Policy

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. [Check [the Office of Academic Integrity](https://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/>) for more information.]

Grievance: A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of their university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read [Policy 70, Student Petitions and Grievances, Section 4](https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-70) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-70>). When in doubt, please be certain to contact the department's administrative assistant who will provide further assistance.

Discipline: A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity to avoid committing an academic offence, and to take responsibility for their actions. [Check [the Office of Academic Integrity](https://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/academic-integrity/>) for more information.] 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](https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-71) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-71>). For typical penalties, check [Guidelines for the Assessment of Penalties](https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/guidelines/guidelines-assessment-penalties) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/guidelines/guidelines-assessment-penalties>).

Appeals: A decision made or penalty imposed under [Policy 70, Student Petitions and Grievances](https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-70) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-70>) (other than a petition) or [Policy 71, Student Discipline](https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-71) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-71>) may be appealed if there is a ground. A student who believes they have a ground for an appeal should refer to [Policy 72, Student Appeals](https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-72) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-72>).

Note for students with disabilities: [AccessAbility Services](https://uwaterloo.ca/accessability-services/) (<https://uwaterloo.ca/accessability-services/>), located in Needles Hall, Room 1401, 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 accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with AccessAbility Services at the beginning of each academic term.

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 alternate assignment.

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