

Religion 368

Introduction to Hindu Philosophy

Location: Scott Hall-123 College Ave Campus; 5th period (2.50-4.10 PM)
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Course Description and Objectives: This course will attempt an overview (and no more) of some of the main philosophical issues engaged by the most prominent schools of orthodox Hindu thought up to the medieval period. Attention will be paid to some of the interconnections and points of contestation amongst some of these schools. The course will engage several primary texts, as well as an Introductory source book.

Course Requirement: Class attendance and participation (10% of the final grade); two non-cumulative quizzes (25% of the final grade each); a final cumulative exam (40% 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.**

Required Reading Books available at the Douglass Coop:

Perrett, Roy W. *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016.

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

Bryant, Edwin, *The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali*: New York: Farrar Straus and Giroux, 2009

Required Readings (available on sakai)

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

Dasti, Matthew. *The Nyāya Sūtras* Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing, 2017 (chapters 2 and 3)

Tue Jan 16th

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

Thur Jan 18st

Focus: The Upaniṣads

Readings: Olivelle,

Ṛiḥadāranyaka 3: 4-9; 4: 1-5; 6: 2.

Chāndogya 6: 1-2; 9-15; 8: 7-15.

Taittirīya 2: 1-8.

Tue Jan 23th

Focus: The Upanisads

Readings: Olivelle,

Kena 1-2.

Kaṭha (entire).

Īśa (entire).

Thur Jan 25th

Focus: The Upanisads,

Readings: Olivelle,

Muṇḍaka (entire).

Śvetāsvatara (entire).

Māṇḍūkya (entire).

Tue Jan 30th

Focus: The Yoga Sutras

Readings: Bryant, Chapter 1

Thur Feb 1st

Focus: The Yoga Sutras

Readings: Bryant, Chapter 1 (cont)

Tue Feb 6th

Focus: The Yoga Sutras

Readings: Bryant, Chapter 2.

Thur Feb 8th

Focus: The Yoga Sutras

Readings: Bryant, Chapter 2 (cont).

Tue Feb 13th

Focus: The Yoga Sutras

Readings: Bryant, Chapter 3

Thur Feb 15th

Focus: The Yoga Sutras

Readings: Bryant, Chapter 3 (cont)

Tue Feb 20th

Focus: The Yoga Sutras

Readings: Bryant, Chapter 4.

Thur Feb 22nd Focus: Quiz I

Tue Feb 27th

Focus: Is there Indian Philosophy?

Readings: Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Intro

Thur March 1st

Focus: Value

Readings: Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Chapter 1.

Tue March 6th

Focus: Knowledge

Readings: Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Chapter 2.

Thur March 8th

Focus: Reasoning,

Readings: Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Chapter 3.

Spring break Saturday, March 10 - Sunday, March 18.

Tue March 20th

Focus: Word

Readings: Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Chapter 4.

Thur March 22nd

Focus: World.

Readings: Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Chapter 5.

Tue March 27th

Focus: Self.

Readings: Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Chapter 6.

Thur March 29th

Focus: Ultimates.

Readings: Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Chapter 7 & Conclusion.

Tue April 3rd

Focus: The Gita

Readings: Chapters 1-2

Thur April 5th Focus: Quiz II.

Tue April 10th

Focus: The Gita

Readings: Chapters 3-6.

Thur April 12th

Focus: The Gita.

Readings: Chapters 7-9

Tue April 17th

Focus: The Gita

Readings: Chapters 10-13

Thur April 19th

Focus: The Gita

Readings: Chapters 14-17.

Tue April 24th

Focus: The Gita

Readings: Chapter 18

Thur April 26th
Focus: **Final Quiz**