

# PHIL G110: PHILOSOPHY OF THE EAST

| Item   | Value                                      |
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| Curriculum Committee Approval Date                                     | 10/20/2020                                 |
| Top Code   | 150900 - Philosophy                        |
| Units  | 3 Total Units                              |
| Hours  | 54 Total Hours (Lecture Hours 54)          |
| Total Outside of Class Hours   | 0  |
| Course Credit Status   | Credit: Degree Applicable (D)              |
| Material Fee   | No   |
| Basic Skills   | Not Basic Skills (N)                       |
| Repeatable   | No   |
| Grading Policy   | Standard Letter (S),<br>• Pass/No Pass (B) |
| Local General Education (GE)   | • GWC Arts, Lit, Phil, Lang (GC)           |
| Diversity Requirement (GCD)  | Yes  |
| California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)            | • Cal-GETC 3B Humanities (3B)              |
| Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)           | • IGETC 3B Humanities (3B)                 |
| California State University General Education Breadth (CSU GE-Breadth) | • CSU C2 Humanities (C2)                   |

## Course Description

This course will provide a general explanation and comparison of the world's major Eastern religions and philosophies. It will include critical analysis of the principal philosophies and related religious beliefs of the East, including Hinduism, Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism. Particular attention is given to understanding sacred literature in its historical context to better appreciate the relevant beliefs. Transfer Credit: CSU; UC.

## Course Level Student Learning Outcome(s)

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2. Compare Eastern philosophical approaches to widely held Western beliefs in such areas as metaphysics and ethics.
3. Describe essential concepts in Confucianism, Taoism, Hinduism, and Buddhism.
4. Describe essential concepts in other Eastern Religions and Philosophies, such as Shintoism, Jainism, Sikhism, or Zoroastrianism.

## Course Objectives

- 1. Interpret selected texts through close analytical reading.
- 2. Evaluate concepts in Eastern philosophies.
- 3. Compare systems of belief across various Eastern philosophies.

## Lecture Content

Taoism Selections from the Tao Te Ching Balance, yin-yang, wu wei, and way of living Hinduism Selections from the Vedas, Upanishads, and Bhagavad Gita Metaphysics and ethics Buddhism Development out of Hinduism and through Zen Selections from the Sutras Confucianism Selections from the Analects Metaphysics and ethics Comparative analysis with other philosophies Eastern examples could include Shintoism, Sikhism, and Jainism Western examples could include Stoicism, Aristotle, and Skepticism

## Method(s) of Instruction

- Lecture (02)
- DE Live Online Lecture (02S)
- DE Online Lecture (02X)

## Reading Assignments

Core religious texts, commentaries on religious texts, popular books (ie, Siddhartha) that explain key concepts.

## Writing Assignments

Short essay exams, research papers, or analytical papers. There must be some writing assignment in the course.

## Out-of-class Assignments

Analytical and/or research papers, optional discussion boards, or exams.

## Demonstration of Critical Thinking

1. Analyze primary texts for core concepts. 2. Analyze arguments, identifying premises and conclusions 3. Apply metaphysical viewpoints to real-life scenarios 4. Compare and contrast different philosophical viewpoints

## Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration

Analysis of Eastern philosophical viewpoints and their applications to modern life.

## Eligible Disciplines

Philosophy: Masters degree in philosophy OR bachelors degree in philosophy AND masters degree in humanities or religious studies, OR the equivalent. Masters degree required.

## Textbooks Resources

1. Required Hesse, H.. Siddhartha, ed. Public Domain (Classic), 1922 Rationale: A classic work of fiction on Buddhist Philosophy. 2. Required Hoff, B.. The Tao of Pooh, ed. Dutton Books (Classic), 1982 Rationale: A classic work of fiction explaining the basic tenets of Taoism. 3. Required Levin, Noah (ed). South and East Asian Philosophy Reader: An Open Educational Resource (OER), ed. NGE Far Press, 2019

## Other Resources

1. Selections from primary sources (Open Educational Resources)