History 3390
EAST ASIAN IDEOLOGIES AND RELIGIONS
25082 TR, 10:30-11:50 LA 122

This course will briefly survey the major ideologies and religions in Asia, namely Hinduism, Buddhism, Janism, Confucianism, Daoism, and Shinto, and analyze their influence and impacts on the cultures and societies, ways of life, traditions, national characters, and political systems of the East Asian countries. The course will highlight the unique and distinct natures of these countries and their peoples as the result of differing degrees of forces these ideologies and religions exerted on them.

I. Reading List:

1. Herman, A Brief Introduction to Hinduism (1991)
2. Waley, Analects of Confucius (1938)

II. The Basic Format of the Course will consist of two lectures (formal lectures and students' reports) and one discussion session a week. Discussion will be based upon the readings above, which will be specifically assigned for particular days.

The Final Semester Grade will be based upon the following:

Hour Examination (7th week).............................................100 points
Attendance.................................................................100 points
Discussion Participation, Oral Reports, and Quizzes.............100 points
Final Examination (Th., May 14, 10-12:45).........................300 points

Total: 600 points

Make-up Examination (for the hour-examination) will be given on
Tuesday, May 5, at 3:00pm in LA 122.
III. **Class Attendance Is Required.** It is important that students attend all the lectures and student oral reports because they will contain a great deal of information that is not found in the readings. Irregular attendance will result in dismissal from the class or in the denial of permission to take the final examination. Those students who have to miss more than **four (4)** sessions are advised not to take this course. **Tardiness and other interruptions** will not be tolerated. Attendance does not simply mean the physical presence in the classroom. Students are not allowed to use any electronic devices in the classroom and are expected to concentrate on lectures and reports, to take notes, and to engage in class discussion.

IV. **Graduate Students** who are taking this course for graduate credit should enroll in History 5345. They are required to read an additional book approved by the instructor and to write a review essay highlighting the significance of the book.

V. **Office and Office Hours:**

    Liberal Arts Building, Room 131

    TR, 7:30-9:00am, 11:50am-12:30pm, and by appointment

    Weekly office hours are set aside to provide students with the opportunity to talk with the instructor on a walk-in basis. Students are encouraged to ask questions about class topics and oral reports, to extend the class discussion, or just to get to know the instructor better.