

**Philosophy 11  
Asian Philosophy  
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**Topic:** A survey of the four main philosophical movements in southern and eastern Asia: Hinduism, Buddhism, Daoism, and Confucianism. Attention will be paid primarily to the metaphysical and ethical views of the classic authors of their respective periods.

**Readings:** All readings for the course will be found on the class Web page.

**Assignments:** All paper assignments will be posted on the class Web page.

**Final Examination: Saturday, June 4, 8:00 A.M.**

**Grading:** Grades will be based on the following: a final examination (30%), two short papers (30% each), discussion section participation (10%). The final will be in-class, with short-answer questions. Papers will be based on assigned topics. Examinations must be taken, and papers turned in, at the scheduled time, unless prior authorization is given. Late papers will be penalized one grade quantum per two working days late. **Both the final and the two papers must be completed in order for the course to be passed.**

**General Education:** This course partially fulfills the General Education Writing Experience requirement. There are two papers, and the total is at least ten pages, which satisfies the formal conditions for a Writing experience course. Moreover, the papers are sufficiently similar in structure and purpose (though not in content) that careful feedback on the first paper will be used to guide the writing of the next paper.

The course also partially fulfills the General Education World Cultures requirement. It looks at the philosophical roots of many of the ideas and values of societies in South and East Asia. The philosophies of Hinduism, Buddhism, Daoism, and Confucianism are the most influential upon Asian societies from India, through China and Japan, and into Southeast Asia. Of particular importance are the moral values which guide the organization of society.

**Courtesy in the classroom:** Cell phones must be turned off while class is in session, unless the student obtains prior permission from the instructor to leave his or her phone on. Students observed using cell phones during class may be asked to turn them off. Subsequent use may result in the student being asked to leave the class for the rest of the session.

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