

Department of Philosophy
University of Western Ontario
Philosophy 154E 'Asian Philosophies'
First Term *Tentative* Reading List*

1st week (**Sept. 4th**) Introductory remarks; introduction to philosophical method: No readings (see class handout on philosophical method and Eastern Philosophy).

2nd week (**Sept. 9th and 11th**) Concluding the introduction to philosophical method; initial orientation to Hinduism; Vedic Hinduism: Class handout; **AP4** Chp.1. (pp.3-11); **AP4** Chp.2, pp.14-19.

3rd week (**Sept. 16th and 18th**) The *Upanishads*: **AP4** Chp.2, pp.19-26; **CP**, pp.1-10.

4th week (**Sept. 23rd and 25th**) Beginning the *Bhagavad Gita*: **AP4** Chp.4, pp.44-46; **BG** Chps.1-5 (pp.41-87).

5th week (**Sept. 30th and Oct. 2nd**) The *Bhagavad Gita* continued: **BG** Chps.6-10 (pp.88-130).

6th week (**Oct. 7th and 9th**) ; The *Bhagavad Gita* continued; *The Laws of Manu* (*Caturvarnashramadharma* and *purusharthas*): **BG** Chps.11-12 (pp.131-48); **AP4** Chp.4, pp.46-52; **CP**, pp.11-21.

7th week (**Oct. 14th and 16th**) The Darshanas; Samkhya-Yoga: **AP4** Chp.5 (pp.54-65); **CP**, pp.23-32.

8th week (**Oct. 21st and 23rd**) Vedanta: **AP4** Chp.7, pp. 81-92; **CP**, pp.33-39.

9th week (**Oct. 28th and 30th**) Gandhi: **AP4** Chp.10, pp.123-25; **CP**, pp.41-45.

10th week (**Nov. 4th and 6th**) Women and Hinduism; beginning Jainism: **CP**, pp.47-55; **AP4** Chp.3, pp.28-34, 39-41; **CP**, pp.61-64.

11th week (**Nov. 11th and 13th**) Jainism continued; Women and Jainism: **AP4** Chp.3, pp.34-39; **CP**, pp.60-61, 64-68; **CP**, pp.69-78.

12th week (**Nov. 18th and 20th**) Initial look at Buddhism and the 'biography' of the Buddha: **AP4** Chp.11 (pp.137-46); **AP4** Chp.12 (pp.148-55); **BS** Chp.2, pp.34-64.

13th week (**Nov. 25th and 27th**) The basic teaching of Buddhism: **AP4** Chp.12, pp.155-64; **BS** Chp.2, pp. 49-57, 60-64.**

14th week (**Dec. 2nd**) Overflow.

Legend:

AP4: *Asian Philosophies*, 4th Edition; **BG**: *Bhagavad Gita*; **BS**: *Buddhist Scriptures*; **DP**: *Dhammapada*; **CP**: *Course Pack*.

***I reserve the right to make changes to the readings given sufficient prior notice (e.g. a week in advance).**

****May be postponed to next term.**