

RELIG 202 – Introduction to World Religions: Eastern Traditions (5 credits)

INSTRUCTOR	David Fowler
TIME	TTh 1:30 - 3:20 p.m.
TERM	Autumn 2019
LOCATION	THOMSON 119

This course aims to increase religious literacy and deepen cross-cultural understanding by introducing students to the beliefs and practices of the religions of South, Southeast, and East Asia. The course will emphasize Hindu and Buddhist traditions, but will also include discussion of Jain, Sikh, Islamic, Confucian, Taoist, and Shinto traditions. Students will learn the worldviews associated with these religions and how society and individuals play meaningful roles within them, including how each religion understands the goal of human existence. The course will include analysis of sacred narratives, philosophical literature, art & architecture, & ritual performance (among others). Emphasis will be given to understanding how these traditions interact, co-exist, and compete in dynamic cultural contexts.

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