

Hindu Philosophy
 Religion: 840:368-01 Spring 2013
 T-Th 2:50-4:10
 Hardenbergh Hall B5 (CAC)

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Course Description:

The course will offer a close reading of the short, but significant *Īśa Upaniṣad*, focusing on issues arising from the text, and with reference to traditional commentaries. Additional passages from the *Kaṭha Upaniṣad*, the *Bhagavad-gītā*, and the *Bhāgavata Purāṇa* will enrich our understanding of philosophical and religious background of the work.

Course Prerequisites:

None.

Course Requirements:

Mid-term and final examinations and a final paper (8-10 pgs) due the last day of class. The final paper gives students an opportunity to probe and research in more detail aspects of Hindu texts covered in the course.

Grading:

The mid-term will account for 20% of the total grade, the final examination 30% and the final paper 40%, and class attendance and participation 10%. Students will be called upon in class to answer questions pertaining to the week's reading. **No** make-ups for missed exams will be given without valid medical proof or a signed letter from a student dean.

A = 100-90 B+ = 89-87; B = 86-80; C+ = 79-77; C = 76-70; D = 69-65; F = 64 and below.

Please note that outstanding class participation can make all the difference between grades.

Required Course Text:

Bryant, Edwin F. *Yoga-sūtras of Patañjali*.

Additional supplementary texts will be provided by the instructor.

Course Schedule

1 Tue / Jan 22

Introduction to Darśana, its place in the Brahmanic tradition.

2 Th / Jan 24

Yoga-sūtras of Patañjali 1.1-2 – the purpose of the text & meaning of the term 'yoga'

3 Tue / Jan 29

Yoga-sūtras of Patañjali 1.3-5 – Klišṭa & Aklišṭa Citta-vṛtti

4 Th / Jan 31

Yoga-sūtras of Patañjali 1.6-11 – Five-fold Citta-vṛtti

5 Tue / Feb 5

Yoga-sūtras of Patañjali 1.12-15 – Abhyāsa & Vairāgya

6 Th / Feb 7

Yoga-sūtras of Patañjali 1.16-17 – Samprajñāta & Asamprajñāta Samādhi

7 Tue / Feb 12

Yoga-sūtras of Patañjali 1.18-20 – Attaining Samādhi

8 Th / Feb 14

Yoga-sūtras of Patañjali 1.21-24

9 Tue / Feb 19

Yoga-sūtras of Patañjali 2.1-4

Kaṭha Upaniṣat

10 Th / Feb 21

Yoga-sūtras of Patañjali 2.5-7

Kaṭha Upaniṣat

11 Tue / Feb 26

Yoga-sūtras of Patañjali 2.8-10

Kaṭha Upaniṣat

12 Th / Feb 28

Yoga-sūtras of Patañjali 2.11-15

13 Tue / Mar 5

Yoga-sūtras of Patañjali 2.21-27

14 Th / Mar 7

Mid-term Examination

15 Tue / Mar 12

Yoga-sūtras of Patañjali 2.28-30

16 Th / Mar 14

Yoga-sūtras of Patañjali 2.31-35

17 Tue / Mar 26

Yoga-sūtras of Patañjali 2.36-40

Bhagavad-gītā, Chapter V

18 Th / Mar 28

Bhagavad-gītā, Chapter V

19 Tue / April 2

Bhagavad-gītā, Chapter V

20 Th / April 4

Bhagavad-gītā, Chapter V

21 Tue / April 9

Bhāgavata Purāṇa, Kapila-Devahūti-saṁvāda

22 Th / April 11

Yoga-sūtras of Patañjali 2.16-20

Bhāgavata Purāṇa, Kapila-Devahūti-saṁvāda

23 Tue / April 16

Bhāgavata Purāṇa, Kapila-Devahūti-saṁvāda

24 Th / April 18

Bhāgavata Purāṇa, Kapila-Devahūti-saṁvāda

25 Tue / April 23

Bhāgavata Purāṇa, Kapila-Devahūti-saṁvāda

26 Th / April 25

Bhāgavata Purāṇa, Kapila-Devahūti-saṁvāda

27 Tue / April 30

Bhāgavata Purāṇa, Kapila-Devahūti-saṁvāda

28 Th / May 2

Bhāgavata Purāṇa, Kapila-Devahūti-saṁvāda

Last Class – *Papers Due*

