

Religion 368

### **Introduction to Hindu Philosophy**

Location: Scott Hall-123 College Ave Campus; 5<sup>th</sup> period (2.50-4.10 PM)  
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**Course Description and Objectives:** This course will attempt an overview (and no more) of some of the main philosophical issues engaged by the most prominent schools of orthodox Hindu thought up to the medieval period. Attention will be paid to some of the interconnections and points of contestation amongst some of these schools. The course will engage several primary texts, as well as an Introductory source book.

**Course Requirement:** Class attendance and participation (10% of the final grade); two non-cumulative quizzes (25% of the final grade each); a final cumulative exam (40% of the final grade). **Please note: there are no make-ups for missed quizzes or exams except in the case of an absence caused by an unexpected emergency and evidenced by a doctor's or dean's note. In the event of such a documented emergency, the instructor must be informed of the impending absence immediately (i.e. on the day of the quiz), and the make-up must be taken on the day after the quiz. There are no exceptions to these conditions. Also, this is a large class and it is distracting to other students as well as the instructor if students chat to each other during the lectures. Students who do so, or send/check e-mail or text messages etc., during class, will have points deducted from their grade.**

#### **Required Reading Books available at the Douglass Coop:**

Perrett, Roy W. *An Introduction to Indian Philosophy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016.

Shukavak Das, *Bhagavad Gita*. Riverside, CA: Shri, 2004.

Bryant, Edwin, *The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali*: New York: Farrar Straus and Giroux, 2009

#### **Required Readings (available on sakai)**

Olivelle, Patrick. *The Upaniṣads*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996.

Dasti, Matthew. *The Nyāya Sūtras* Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing, 2017 (chapters 2 and 3)

### **Tue Jan 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus:* General introduction to the course. The Vedic period.

### **Thur Jan 18<sup>st</sup>**

*Focus:* The Upaniṣads

*Readings:* Olivelle,

Ṛīhadāranyaka 3: 4-9; 4: 1-5; 6: 2.

Chāndogya 6: 1-2; 9-15; 8: 7-15.

Taittirīya 2: 1-8.

## **Tue Jan 23<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus:* The Upanisads

*Readings:* Olivelle,

Kena 1-2.

Kaṭha (entire).

Īśa (entire).

## **Thur Jan 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus:* The Upanisads,

*Readings:* Olivelle,

Muṇḍaka (entire).

Śvetāsvatara (entire).

Māṇḍūkya (entire).

## **Tue Jan 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus:* The Yoga Sutras

*Readings:* Bryant, Chapter 1

## **Thur Feb 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Focus:* The Yoga Sutras

*Readings:* Bryant, Chapter 1 (cont)

## **Tue Feb 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus:* The Yoga Sutras

*Readings:* Bryant, Chapter 2.

## **Thur Feb 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus:* The Yoga Sutras

*Readings:* Bryant, Chapter 2 (cont).

## **Tue Feb 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus:* The Yoga Sutras

*Readings:* Bryant, Chapter 3

## **Thur Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus:* The Yoga Sutras

*Readings:* Bryant, Chapter 3 (cont)

## **Tue Feb 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus:* The Yoga Sutras

*Readings:* Bryant, Chapter 4.

## **Thur Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Focus: Quiz I**

## **Tue Feb 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus:* Is there Indian Philosophy?

*Readings:* Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Intro

## **Thur March 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Focus:* Value

*Readings:* Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Chapter 1.

## **Tue March 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus:* Knowledge

*Readings:* Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Chapter 2.

## **Thur March 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus:* Reasoning,

*Readings:* Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Chapter 3.

**Spring break** Saturday, March 10 - Sunday, March 18.

## **Tue March 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus:* Word

*Readings:* Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Chapter 4.

## **Thur March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Focus:* World.

*Readings:* Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Chapter 5.

## **Tue March 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus: Self.*

*Readings: Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Chapter 6.*

## **Thur March 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus: Ultimates.*

*Readings: Introduction to Indian Philosophy, Chapter 7 & Conclusion.*

## **Tue April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Focus: The Gita*

*Readings: Chapters 1-2*

## **Thur April 5<sup>th</sup> Focus: Quiz II.**

## **Tue April 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus: The Gita*

*Readings: Chapters 3-6.*

## **Thur April 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus: The Gita.*

*Readings: Chapters 7-9*

## **Tue April 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus: The Gita*

*Readings: Chapters 10-13*

## **Thur April 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus: The Gita*

*Readings: Chapters 14-17.*

## **Tue April 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Focus: The Gita*

*Readings: Chapter 18*

**Thur April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
*Focus: Final Quiz*