

FE 1810 Shin Buddhist Services and Ceremonies – Syllabus

Description

Teaches chanting and ceremonial required for ministerial service in the Jodo Shin Hongwanji-ha tradition. Ministerial aspirants are required to take this course every semester it is offered, but only receive credit once. Offered every other year. Format: Lecture. Evaluation: Participation, Final Exam

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Course Requirements and Evaluation

Students must participate in class chanting practice. Participation is worth 20% of the grade.

There will be two examinations. The Mid-Term Examination will be held on October 17, and the Final Examination will be held on the final day of class, December 12. Each exam is worth 40% of the final grade.

Class Schedule

Classes will be held Mondays, 9:40 AM -12:30 PM, except October 21 during Reading Week. The final class will be on December 9.

We will cover, as much as possible, the material required for Tokudo and Kyoshi. There is not a strict timetable – we will cover as much material as possible during the semester. The decision as to what will be covered will be made depending on the experience of those taking the class.

Topics

For Tokudo:

- a. Gobunsho (“Shonin ichiryu”)
- b. Shōshinge - memorized
- c. Ryogemon - memorized
- d. Naijin and naijin items
- e. Different ways to bow and burn incense
- f. Read the first six Wasan
- g. Funeral service

For Kyoshi:

- a. Zenshō kada - memorized
- b. Shoshinge - memorized
- c. Jusan
- d. Gobunshō (other than “Shōnin ichiryū”)
- e. Ritual: Tōraiban & Gōraiban

Required Texts

The texts for this course are only available in Japan, and are written entirely in Japanese. Therefore, we will mainly use photocopies. However, these texts are required for Tokudo and Kyoshi, so when they become available, ministerial candidates will be required to purchase them.

Jōdo Shinshū Hongwanji-ha, Gongyō shidōsho, editor. *Hōshiki kihan (kaiteiban) (Standard Ritual (Revised [Second] Edition))*. Kyoto: Hongwanji shuppansha, 1999.

Jōdo Shinshū Hongwanji-ha, Gongyō shidōsho, editor. *Gongyoshu (Collection of Services)*. Kyoto: Hongwanji shuppansha, 2003.

Jōdo Shinshū Hongwanji-ha, Gongyō shidōsho, editor. *Sogi gongyoshu (Collection of Funerary Services)*. Kyoto: Hongwanji shuppansha, 2007.

Ohtani Kōshō, editor. *Shoshinge wasan (kaifu) (Revised Notation)*. Kyoto: Hongwanji shuppansha, 1933. Reprint: 1977.