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* FALL COURSES 2017 *

ONLINE COURSES

HR-8250 Esoteric Buddhism

Instructor: Richard Payne

A survey of the history, teachings, doctrines, practices, and textual traditions of esoteric, or tantric, Buddhism. Particular focus may be given to Indian, Tibetan, Chinese, or Japanese forms of esoteric Buddhism. As appropriate attention will also be given to basic introduction to the traditions of Indian tantra that provided the religious context for the development of the Buddhist tantric tradition.

HRHS-8307 Premodern Shin Buddhist History

Instructor: Galen Amstutz

A survey of themes and problems in the history of Jōdoshinshū Buddhism, from Hōnen into the Tokugawa period, including doctrine but also other associated issues (institutionalization, women's roles, evolution of teachings, interaction with political and economic regimes, etc.). Online course, with readings and written interactions among students and instructor. Evaluation based on weekly student writings and a final paper. Primary aim is to establish basic knowledge, which may serve as foundation for subsequent studies. For all students concerned with Shin Buddhism's interaction with Japanese history, but assumes some general familiarity with Buddhist traditions.

HRHS-8454 Topics in Japanese Religions

Instructor: Lisa Grumbach

Subtitle: *Japanese Religious Landscape*

This course explores Japanese religious thought and practice through the theoretical lens of landscape. Topics will include: the influence of geography (islands, mountains, plains, oceans) on conceptions of kami (gods) in early Japan; ideas about landscape and space in Japanese Buddhism; how Buddhist doctrine is "taught" through landscape art; how landscape influences religious practice; the practical and theoretical roles of temple and shrine architecture, grounds, and gardens; pilgrimage as movement through religious space/landscape; and changing religious practices in the modern landscape. Prerequisites: Assumes some knowledge of Japanese religion, culture and/or language. Course format: Online discussion. Evaluation method: Participation/Term paper
Auditors with faculty permission

REGULAR COURSES

FE-1810 Shin Buddhist Services and Ceremonies

Instructors: Harry Bridge

Monday 9:40AM – 12:30PM; JSC Room 130

Full Title: Shin Buddhist Services and Ceremonies
Teaches chanting and ceremonial required for ministerial service in the Jodo Shin Hongwanji-ha tradition. Offered every other semester.

HRPH-4558 Topics in Buddhist Practice

Instructor: Charlie Pokorny

Monday 2:10 – 5:00 PM; JSC Room 131

This course will examine ritual practice in Mahayana Buddhism, focusing on Buddhist traditions in East Asia. Topics to be addressed include ordination, precept and funeral ceremonies, rituals for the state, repentance practices, devotional ritual practice, anti-ritual discourse, ritual dimensions of monastic life, ritualized approaches to meditation practice, esoteric ritual practice and healing rituals.

HR-1615 Readings Early Buddhist Texts

Instructors: Diana Clark and Gil Fronsdal

Tuesday 9:40AM – 12:30PM; JSC Room 130

Subtitle: *The Long Discourses Of The Buddha*

The Long Discourses of the Buddha (the Dīgha Nikāya) is a collection of discourses filled with colorful stories, compelling characters and important teachings. Much more than any other discourse collection of early Buddhism, the Long Discourses of the Buddha gives the reader a view into life in ancient India in which the Buddha lived and taught. This course consists of in depth readings (in translation) of selected discourses from which we will learn about important teachings, spiritual practices, ethical values, cosmologies, political theories and myths from early Buddhism and ancient India.

No prerequisites for this course.

Course format: seminar/lecture/discussion;

Method of Evaluation: class participation, mid-term and final papers.

Intended audience: MA/MDiv/MTS. DMin/PhD/ThD with additional requirements.

HRPH-4568 Works of Shinran III

Instructor: David Matsumoto

Tuesday 2:10-5:00 PM; JSC Room 130

WORKS OF SHINRAN III: TEACHING, PRACTICE AND REALIZATION, CONTINUED

HRPH-4568 is the continuation of the study of Shinran's major treatise, which was taken up in HR-4567 Works of Shinran II.

The course is recommended for ministerial aspirants. Fulfills the Area Distribution Requirement for Area I.

Prerequisite: HR-4567 or equivalent as determined by instructor.

Faculty permission required (PIN REQUIRED)

HR-3300 Terms, Texts and Translations

Instructors: David Matsumoto and Richard Payne

Wednesday 9:40AM-12: 30PM; JSC Room 130

A study of the key terminology of Buddhist studies across the tradition, the ways in which texts are studied, and issues of translation. These issues have all been central for the understanding of Buddhism as it has moved from one society to another, and this course examines how they affect the interpretation of Buddhism in the present.

HRPS-3016 Psychological Aspects of Buddhism II

Instructor: Daijaku Kinst

Thursday 9:40AM – 12:30PM; JSC Room130

Psychological Aspects Of Buddhism II: Dialogues with Contemporary Western Psychology

This course will explore the interface of traditional Buddhist and contemporary Western psychological perspectives on the nature of human experience, the self, suffering and how it is addressed, as well as the relationship of self and other. Fundamental Buddhist teachings, including Abhidharma, Yogacara and Madhyamaka teachings, will be covered and writings of contemporary authors will be used to clarify points of contact, divergence, misunderstanding and mutual benefit.

Course format: Seminar, lecture/discussion.

Evaluation: 1) Class participation 2) Weekly one-page reflection paper 3) Participation in, and 3-page paper on, listening exercise, (two 45-minute sessions scheduled outside of class time) 4) Final 10-15 page paper.

Auditors with Faculty Permission

HRPH-1614 Introduction to Shin Buddhist Thought

Instructor: David Matsumoto

Wednesday 5:10-8:00 PM; JSC Room 130

Introduces the major ideas of Shin thought in the context of contemporary religious and philosophic discussions. Evaluation based on participation in discussions, forums, and final research paper. Intended for MA/MTS and M.Div. students. Prerequisites: HR 1510, HR 1550 or instructor's permission. Faculty Permission Required.

HRHS-1515 Buddhist Traditions South Asia

Instructor: Bruno Galasek-Hul

Friday 9:40AM – 12:30PM; JSC Room 131

Introduces the Buddhist traditions as they originate in India and develop throughout south and Southeast Asia. HRHS-1515 is the first half of the required yearlong introductory survey of the entire Buddhist tradition.

Format: Lecture/seminar.

Requirements: 1 research paper; 1 reflection paper; class presentation. Required course for: M.A. (Buddhist Studies), M.B.S, M.Div., Buddhist Chaplaincy Certificate Program, and Kyoshi Certificate.

MA-5020 Exchange Study Program

Instructor: Scott Mitchell

For study at the IBS affiliate, Ryukoku University, in Kyoto, Japan, or at Dharma Drum Institute of Liberal Arts, located in New Taipei, Taiwan. Open to IBS and GTU students only. In order for exchange programs to be recorded on the permanent academic record, students must be registered for this course.

Registration is necessary for students who wish to receive academic credit for their work in the exchange program or who wish to be eligible for financial aid or deferment while they participate in the exchange program. Written permission of IBS administration required. Auditors Excluded.

PSHR-3013 Buddhist Chaplaincy

Instructor: Gil Fronsdal

Sati Center

The practice of Buddhist chaplaincy demands the development of compassion and non-judgemental mind, and at the same time offers intense opportunities to develop these qualities. Chaplains serve in variety of settings in which people are under stress of one kind or another, including hospitals and hospices, prisons and jails, and military. This two-semester sequence of training is offered by the Sati Center (Redwood City, CA) in affiliation with IBS. Over the course of ten months, through discussion, readings, meditation, and internship, the student will not only learn about chaplaincy, but begin to develop the necessary skills and understandings for compassionate service to others who are in need, whether they are Buddhists or not. Course limited to IBS students. Both semesters must be completed for credit to be awarded. NOTE: To be accepted in the course, a separate application must be submitted directly to the Sati Center with a \$50 application fee. <http://www.sati.org/chaplaincy-training/>. Student will be interviewed, and if accepted, will pay a separate tuition of \$1800 for two semesters to the Sati Center. Tuition cost is based on Academic Year 2016/17, and is subject to change.

Faculty Permission and Interview required; Auditors excluded.