HRCE-3014

Issues in Buddhist Ministry

Spring 2016, Thursdays 2:10-5:00
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Location: IBS/JSC
Units: 3
Subtitle: Issues of Shin Buddhist Ministry and Buddhist Chaplaincy in the West

Office hours: TBA at first class mtg.

Description:
- Explore the difficulties and direction of Shin Buddhist Ministry and Buddhist Chaplaincy in the West. Explore the historical development of Buddhism and Shin Buddhism, within the context of the life processes of the historical Buddha and Shinran.
- Through a person-centered process, explore ways and means to develop one’s personal ministry/chaplaincy.
- To study and evaluate an educational process will be the core element of the course.

Student Learning Objectives:
- Students will become familiar with the works of the Buddha and Shinran from the perspective of an educational process found within the basic texts of Buddhism and Shin traditions.
- Students will be able to identify and discuss the primary features of the Buddhist and Shin traditions and its focus on a personal educational process as expressed in the traditions.
- Students will gain an introduction to the essential message of the teachings through a personal process connecting the doctrinal presentation of the workings of the teachings within their own life process.

Class Format:
- Lecture materials, reading assignments, and discussion.
- Students will be required to submit writing assignments and participate in discussing the written assignments.

Requirements:
- Read all assigned section of the texts and identify doctrinal issues.
- Apply the issues identified in relation to a personal process.
- Participate in discussion issues discovered.

Written Assignments: