

Course Calendar and Readings:

IMPORTANT: The instructor reserves to the right to modify and add reading assignments as the course progresses in order to better help us achieve the course's objectives.

Week 1: 4 August - 7 August

Points of Departure, Vedic traditions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Topic	Course Introduction and the Indus Valley Civilization	Vedic Tradition 1	Vedic Tradition 2	The Upanishads
Texts to have read		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Reader: Selections from <i>Rig Veda</i> □ RSA pp. 15 – 26, 35 – 43 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ RSA 36 – 40 (reread) □ Reader: Veda Selections from <i>Sources of Indian Tradition, Volume 1</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ RSA 40 – 43 (reread) □ Reader: Upanishad Selections from <i>Sources</i> □ Reader: Selections from <i>Upanishads</i>

Week 2: 11 August - 14 August

Jainism, Buddhism

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Topic	Jainism 1	Jainism 2 and Buddhism 1	Buddhism 2	Review and TAKE HOME EXAM (#1)
Texts to have read	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ RSA 87 – 99 □ Reader Jain “Basic Doctrines,” Selections from <i>Source</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ “Jain Philosophy and Political Thought,” from <i>Sources</i> □ RSA 103 – 112 □ Reader Theravada Selections from <i>Sources</i> □ Reader “Three Jewels” from <i>Buddhist Scriptures</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Reader “Chapter Nine” of <i>Bodhicaryavatara</i> □ Reader “Chapter Eleven” of <i>Lotus Sutra</i> 	<p>Readings To Be Announced</p> <p>Exam Due: Friday at 3pm</p>

Week 3: 18 August - 21 August**Classical Hinduism, Tantra**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Topic	Hindu Epics	Vaishnavism	Shaivism and Shaktism	Tantra and Folk Religions
Texts to have read	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ RSA 27 – 35, 43 – 50 □ Reader Selections from <i>Ramayana</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ RSA 57 – 65 □ Reader Selections from <i>Bhagavad-Gita</i> □ Reader Selections from <i>Rig Veda</i> (Rudra and Vishnu) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Reader “Basavanna” from <i>Speaking of Shiva</i> □ Reader “Bengali Songs to Kali” from <i>Religions of India in Practice</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Reader “Ocean of Mercury” from <i>Religions of India in Practice</i> □ Reader “The Evil Eye” from <i>Religion in India</i>

Week 4: 25 August - 28 August**Islam, The Mughal Empire, Bhakti**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Topic	Islam	Sufism	Saguna Bhakti	IN-CLASS EXAM (#2)
Texts to have read	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ RSA 201-15, 218 – 35 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Reader “The Pilgrimage of Ajmer” from <i>Religion in India</i> □ Poems from <i>Death Before Dying</i> 	From <i>Songs of the Saints</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ “Surdas” □ “Mirabi” □ “Tulsidas” 	Study, study, study.

Week 5: 1 September - 4 September**Bhakti, The Sikhs, Colonialism**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Topic	NO CLASS: LABOR DAY	Nirguna Bhakti	Sikh Tradition	Religions and Modernity
Texts to have read		From <i>Songs of the Saints</i> : <input type="checkbox"/> "Introduction" <input type="checkbox"/> "Ravidas" <input type="checkbox"/> "Kabir"	<input type="checkbox"/> RSA 131 – 45 <input type="checkbox"/> "Nanak" in <i>Songs of the Saints</i>	From RSA <input type="checkbox"/> "Introduction" (1-9) <input type="checkbox"/> Hindu (74-84) <input type="checkbox"/> Jain (100-1) <input type="checkbox"/> Buddhist (126-7) <input type="checkbox"/> Sikh (145-8) <input type="checkbox"/> Muslim (215-18, 235-45)

Week 6: 8 September - 11 September**Partition of South Asia, Modernity, Diversity**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Topic	Towards Partition	To Be Announced	Contemporary South Asia	REVIEW and TAKE-HOME EXAM (#3)
Texts to have read	<input type="checkbox"/> Reader Selections of Modernist Writers from <i>Sources, Volume 2</i> Other Readings to Be Announced	<input type="checkbox"/> Reader "Toba Tek Singh" from <i>Mirrorwork</i> Other Readings to Be Announced	<input type="checkbox"/> Reader "The Logic of Religious Violence" from <i>Religion in India</i> Other Readings to Be Announced	TBA Exam Due: Friday at 3pm