

**PHI 3680: Buddhism (Credits: 3)****Syllabus**

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**Catalog course description:**

An in-depth study of the philosophical, religious and historical aspects of Buddhism.

Prerequisites & Notes: Three semester hours in Philosophy or permission of the instructor.

**Course Objective:**

This course is designed as an introduction to Buddhism as a philosophy and also as a way of life which has deeply affected all of the various structures of Asia. We will begin with an introductory work on historical and philosophical analysis of Buddhism along with the works from primary sources. It will include both the formative period of Buddhism and its later development as new interpretations, texts and institutions appeared. We will also study Buddhism in its practical application.

**Texts:**

Kalupahana, David, Buddhist Philosophy: A Historical Analysis, University of Hawaii Press, 1976

Kasulis, T.P., Zen Action Zen Person, University of Hawaii Press, 1981

Kochumuttom, Thomas A., A Buddhist Doctrine of Experience, Motilal Banarsidass, India, 1982

Thera, Nyanaponika, The Heart of Buddhist Meditation, Samuel weiser, Inc., 1988

Walshe, Maurice (trans.), The Long Discourses of the Buddha, Wisdom Publications: Boston, 1995

**Course Requirements and Grading:**

1. You are expected to prepare for each class by reading the assigned text carefully and participate in class discussion. There will be some homework assignments related to the preparation of class. Each assignment will not exceed one page (typed in double space with font 12). (100 points)
2. You will be required to write two papers.
  - 1) You will have a discussion with me on your paper at a conference. You have to turn in a three page draft (typed in double space with font 12) at the time of

- conference (50 points for each conference and draft).
- 2) Each paper (typed in double space with font 12) must be seven to nine pages long. I will not grade it if this requirement is not met. You will be encouraged to choose your own topic (200 points for each paper).
3. The total possible course points: 600 points  
 540-600 points: A  
 480-539 points: B  
 420-479 points: C  
 360-419 points: D  
 Below 360 points: F

### **Attendance Policy:**

Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class. Three absences will be permitted. For the fourth and all subsequent absences (**regardless of the justification for the absence**), I will require a 400 word (typed in double space with 12 font) response paper to the reading for the missed class. This paper will be due one week after the absence, and failure to turn in the paper on time will result in the lowering of the final class grade one letter. (e.g. from B to C)

### **Readings:**

#### Week #1

8/22 T Introduction  
 8/24 R Kalupahana, Chapter 1

#### Week #2

8/29 T Walshe (trans.), Chapter 1  
 8/31 R Walshe (trans.), Chapter 13

#### Week #3

9/5 T Kalupahana, Chapter 2  
 9/7 R Walshe (trans.), Chapter 2

#### Week #4

9/12 T Kalupahana, Chapter 3  
 9/14 R Walshe (trans.), Chapter 15

#### Week #5

9/19 T Kalupahana, Chapter 4  
 9/21 R Walshe (trans.), Chapters 6 & 9

#### Week#6

9/26 T Kalupahana, Chapter 5  
 9/28 R Kalupahana, Chapter 6 / paper#1 assignment

#### Week #7

10/3 T Kalupahana, Chapter 7  
 10/5 R Conference on paper#1 (You must turn in your 3 page draft at the time of conference.)

#### Week#8

10/10 T Conference on paper#1 (You must turn in your 3 page draft at the time of

conference.)

10/12 R	Walshe (trans.), Chapter 5 (& 21 & 31); Chapter 29 / <b>Paper #1 Due</b>
<u>Week #9</u>	
10/17 T	Thera, Part One & Two (=Walshe, Chapter 22); Walshe (trans.), Chapter 33
10/19 R	Walshe (trans.), Chapter 16
<u>Week #10</u>	
10/24 T	Kalupahana, Chapters 8 & 9
10/26 R	Kalupahana, Chapter 10
<u>Week #11</u>	
10/31 T	Kalupahana, Chapter 11
11/2 R	Kalupahana, Chapter 12
<u>Week #12</u>	
11/7 T	Kochumuttom, Chapter 4
11/9 R	Kochumuttom, Chapter 4 (continued)
<u>Week #13</u>	
11/14 T	Kasulis, Chapters 1 & 2
11/16 R	Kasulis, Chapters 3 & 4 & 5 / paper#2 assignment
<u>Week #14</u>	
11/21 T	Thanksgiving Break
11/23 R	Thanksgiving Break
<u>Week #15</u>	
11/28 T	Kasulis, Chapters 6 & 7
11/30 R	Conference on paper#2 (You must turn in your 3 page draft at the time of conference.)
<u>Week #16</u>	
12/5 T	Conference on paper#2 (You must turn in your 3 page draft at the time of conference.)
12/7 R	Kasulis, Chapters 8 & 9 / <b>Paper #2 Due</b>

**Note:**

1. This is a tentative schedule. Changes may be announced in class.
2. I will not accept any e-mail submission of assignments.
3. **Academic integrity-** Students are expected to maintain principles of academic integrity and conduct as defined in EIU's Code of Conduct (<http://www.eiu.edu/judicial/studentconductcode.php>). Violations will be reported to the Office of Student Standards. Regular
4. **Students with disabilities-** If you are a student with a documented disability in need of accommodations to fully participate in this class, please contact the Office of Student Disability Services (OSDS). All accommodations must be approved through OSDS. Please stop by Ninth Street Hall, Room 2006, or call 217-581-6583 to make an appointment.
5. **The Student Success Center-** Students who are having difficulty achieving their academic goals are encouraged to contact the Student Success Center ([www.eiu.edu/~success](http://www.eiu.edu/~success)) for assistance

with time management, test taking, note taking, avoiding procrastination, setting goals, and other skills to support academic achievement. The Student Success Center provides individualized consultations. To make an appointment, call 217-581-6696, or go to 9th Street Hall, Room 1302.