

Religion in Asia—Quick Reference Guide

Class: MW(F) 10-10:50—216 CL

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Student Hours: T 4-5 & F 10-11—Zoom (339 134 7244)

Typical Weekly Tasks

Solo (on your own time, due Sun at noon)

1. General reading
2. Lecture Video
3. Public/Private reflection (for CP)

Co-op (pick Mon, Async, or Wed Cohort)

4. Cohort reading
5. Cohort discussion (for CP)
6. Check other cohorts

Cohorts

Mon: in-person when risk is “guarded,” otherwise on Zoom at 10am Mondays

Async: meets in a Canvas discussion board Mon 10am - Wed 11am

Wed: meets on Zoom at 10am Wednesdays all semester

Assignments

- Weekly **Cohort Discussions** (D Tier, 4 CP x12): participate
- Unit **Review Sheets** (C Tier, 15 CP x3): demonstrate comprehension
- Weekly Solo Phase **Reflections** (HIST AND RELGST alternate weeks)
 - Public (C-Tier, 5 CP x6): show you read/watched solo phase stuff
 - Private (B-Tier, 6 CP x6): think critically about solo phase stuff & your goals
- Unit **Culminating Reflections**
 - B-Tier (20 CP x3): show comprehension, make connections, & think critically
 - A-Tier (25 CP x3): as above, but integrate outside research and 25% longer

Grading

- Assignments are worth CP.
- Your grade starts at 0 CP, then goes up over the semester. No averaging.
- You can only lose CP by academic dishonesty.
- You get all CP or none but can revise/redo.
- The standard for success differs for different assignments.
- Doing most weekly assignments and all end-of-unit assignments from a given difficulty tier and below will get you into the corresponding completion tier (barely).

Completion Tiers

A+	231-234 CP	C+	159-204 CP
A	228-230 CP	C	123-158 CP
A-	223-227 CP	C-	110-122 CP
B+	219-222 CP	D+	91-109 CP
B	209-218 CP	D	48-90 CP
B-	205-208 CP	D-	36-47 CP
		F	0-35 CP

Required Texts

Clothey, Fred W. 2006. *Religion in India: A Historical Introduction*. New York: Routledge.

https://pitt.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01PITT_INST/e8h8hp/alma9998620242506236

Poceski, Mario. 2009. *Introducing Chinese Religions*. New York: Routledge.

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All other readings will be available on Canvas.

Readings and End-of-Unit Assignment Deadlines

Unit 1		
Week 2	1/24	Everyone: Poceski Ch 2
	1/25-27	Mon: Confucius, Async: Mencius, Wed: Xunzi
Week 3	1/31	Everyone: Poceski Chs 3-4
	2/1-3	Mon: Laozi, Async: Zhuangzi, Wed: Mozi
Week 4	2/7	Everyone: Clothey Chs 2-3
	2/8-10	Mon: <i>Upanisads</i> , Async: Strong, Wed: Babb
Week 5	2/14	Everyone: Clothey Ch 4
	2/15-17	Mon: <i>Ramayan</i> , Async: <i>Gita</i> , Wed: Yoga Sutras
Week 6	2/21	Everyone: Clothey Ch 5
	2/22-24	Mon: <i>BhP</i> , Async: <i>Devi Mahatmya</i> , Wed: Ramanujan
Unit 2		
Week 7	2/28	Everyone: Poceski, Chs 5&8
	3/1-3	Mon: Mahayana, Async: NeoConfucianism, Wed: Religious Daoism
	3/4	Unit 1 review sheet and culminating reflection due
Week 8	3/7	Everyone: Williams, 185-214
	3/8-10	<i>Kundun</i> (https://youtu.be/43nxsDxQprQ)
Week 9	3/14	Everyone: Clothey Chs 6-7
	3/15-17	Mon: Kabir, Async: Kabir, Wed: Mirabai
Week 10	3/21	Everyone De Casparis and Mabbet, 276-329
	3/22-24	Student Self Care Day—no cohorts
Unit 3		
Week 11	3/28	Everyone: Clothey, Ch 8
	3/29-31	Mon: Gleig and Flores, Async: Alter, Wed: Singleton and Fraser
	4/1	Unit 2 review sheet and culminating reflection due
Week 12	4/4	Everyone: Clothey Chs 9-10
	4/5-7	Mon: Kurien, Async: Waghorne, Wed: Narayanan
Week 13	4/11	Everyone: Sharf 1-43
	4/12-14	<i>Morning Sun</i>
Week 14	4/18	Everyone: DeVido 413-458
	4/19-21	Mon: Easton Waller, Async: Steinberg, Wed: Darlington
Finals	TBD	Unit 3 review sheet and culminating reflection due