

COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO HINDUISM & BUDDHISM

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University of Kent

Program(s)

English Universities, University of Kent

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Religious Studies

UCEAP Course Number

107

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

INTRODUCTION TO HINDUISM & BUDDHISM

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course explores the Hindu and Buddhist religious traditions. The first half of the course examines some of the most interesting features of the Vedic and post-Vedic tradition: the Upanishads, the Bhagavad Gita, and the polytheism of the Mahabharata. The second half examines the contrasting philosophical positions of the Theravada and Mahayana Buddhist traditions using materials from the Pali canon and several Sanskrit Sutras. Particular attention is given to the variety of interpretations of the Buddhist "No-self" doctrine and concept of enlightenment, as well as the meaning and function of the Buddha's career. This exploration leads to general discussion of the nature of mystical experience.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

TH331

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Host Institution Campus

University of Kent

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

School of European Culture and Languages

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