



This is an abridged sample syllabus. Information is subject to change. Full syllabus will be distributed to registered students when term begins.

ASIA_V 387 - Japanese Religions

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The purpose of the course is to acquire a basic knowledge of Japanese religions including Shinto, Buddhism, and other religious thoughts/values. Emphasis will be placed on the historical aspects of these religious traditions in relation to politics, social order, and cultural activities. In dealing with these issues, we will read a range of works and engage in class discussion.

Mode of Delivery: In Person

Sample Readings

Osumi Kazuo, "Buddhism in the Kamakura Period," in *The Cambridge History of Japan Volume 3: Medieval Japan* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990).

Helen Hardacre, *Shinto* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016).

Nam-lin Hur, *Prayer and Play in Late Tokugawa Japan* (Cambridge: Harvard University Asia Center, 2000).

Assignments

2 exams: 30 x 2|60

1 research paper|40

Bonus marks may be given for voluntary presentations.