

**PHIL 3211**  
**Indian Buddhist Philosophy 印度佛家哲學**

**Course Outline**

**Time: W 3:30pm-6:15pm**

**Location: UCC C2**

**Tutorial Time to be arranged**

**Course overview**

This course deals with the main philosophical issues in the various stages of Indian Buddhism. It is divided into five parts: Early Buddhism, Abhidharma, Madhyamaka, Vijñānavāda and Pramāṇavāda.

Advisory to Majors: to be taken in year 2 or above.

**Learning outcomes**

1. Acquire knowledge of four major philosophical schools of Indian Buddhism.
2. Understand the central issues of Indian Buddhist philosophy in four major areas, i.e., metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, and philosophy of religion.
3. Ability to work independently and critically on the primary and secondary sources in Indian Buddhist philosophy.
4. Explore the relevant concepts and issues in their contemporary significance.

**Topics/Course schedule**

Unit One. Introduction and Philosophy of Religion

Introduction

Basics of Buddhist Doctrine; Buddhist Philosophical Schools

Rebirth

*Karma* and Personal Identity

Unit Two. Metaphysical Disputes

Time

Emptiness and the two truths

Store-consciousness

Disputes on mind-only

Unit Three. Epistemological Issues

Perception

Self-awareness

Non-cognition

*Apoha*

**Learning activities**

In this course, you are expect to

- ◇ Attend the lectures and tutorials.
- ◇ Study the readings assigned and try to think through them;
- ◇ Develop the skills mentioned above through discussion and writing (short essays and final paper).
- ◇ Attend all lectures/tutorials and arrive prepared to discuss the readings and participate in class discussion.

*Types of activities and workload:*

In-class:

1. Lecture: 2 hours a week (mandatory)
2. Tutorial: 1 two-hour session every two week beginning from Week 3. (mandatory)

\*Out-of-class:

1. Reading: an average of 4-5 hours per week on required and suggested reading assigned for lecture topics, and 2-3 hours on tutorial reading assignments and presentation.
2. Essay writing: an average of 2-3 hour per week on preparing and writing your essay assignments throughout the term. You should arrange your time so as to apportion more hours on writing.

### Assessment scheme

<i>Task nature</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Weight</i>
Tutorial and Class Performance	Discussion and presentation	20%
Mid-term paper	2000-3000 words	35%
Final paper	3000-4000 words	45%

### Remarks on Assessment Scheme (if any)

Since a major aim of this course is to develop students' ability to interpret, analyze, and generate philosophical arguments through discussion and writing, the assessment methods are designed to encourage participation in tutorial and learning through argumentative writing.

### Recommended learning resources

#### Required Text:

*Tutorial materials include (to be distributed in class):*

- 1) Chapter 1 of *Kathāvatthu* 論事, dispute on personal identity between Theravāda and Pudgalavādins (English+Chinese)
- 2) Selection of 龍樹《中論》 on emptiness (Chinese+English)
- 3) 世親《二十唯識論》 dispute on mind-only between Yogācāra and opponents (English+Chinese)
- 4) Selection of Dignāga's *Pramāṇasamuccaya* 集量論 on perception and self-awareness (English+Chinese)
- 5) Selection of Chapter 14 of Śāntarakṣita's *Tattvasamgraha* 攝真實論 (with commentary of Kamalaśīla), dispute on negative knowledge between the Buddhists and Kumāriḷa, a Mīmāṃsaka (English)

References: (including all book and websites from which suggested and further readings are chosen from)

#### 1) Chinese

中華電子佛典: <http://www.cbeta.org/> 大正藏佛典可上網下載

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平川彰 印度佛教史 = インド仏教史; 莊崑木譯. 台北市: 商周出版, 2004.

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- Harris, Ian Charles. *The continuity of madhyamaka and yogacara in Indian Mahayana Buddhism*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1991.
- Hattori, Masaaki. *Dignāga on perception: being the pratyakṣapariccheda of Dignāga's Pramāṇasamuccaya from the Sanskrit fragments and the Tibetan versions*. Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press, 1968.
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- John P. Keenan. *Dharmapala's Yogācāra critique of Bhavāviveka's Mādhyamika: explanation of emptiness: the tenth chapter of Ta-ch'eng Kuang pai-lun shih, commenting on Āryadeva's Catuḥśataka chapter sixteen*. Lewiston, N.Y.: Edwin Mellen Press, 1997.
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- Lopez, Donald S. *A study of Svātantrika*. Ithaca, N.Y.: Snow Lion Publications, 1987.
- Mi-pham-rgya-mtsho. *Speech of delight: Mipham's commentary on Śāntarakṣita's Ornament of the middle way*. Foreword by Chökyi Nyima Rinpoche ; translated by Thomas H. Doctor. Ithaca, N.Y.: Snow Lion, 2004.
- Nagao, Gajin. *Mādhyamaka and Yogācāra: a study of Mahāyāna philosophies: collected papers of G.M. Nagao*. Edited, collated, and translated by L.S. Kawamura in collaboration with G.M. Nagao. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1991.
- Shcherbatskoĭ, F. I. (Th. Stcherbatsky). *Buddhist logic*. S'-Gravenhage: Mouton, 1958. Tillemans, Tom J.F. *Scripture, Logic, Language: Essays on Dharmakīrti and his Tibetan Successors*. Boston: Wisdom Publications, 1999.
- Yao, Zhihua. *The Buddhist Theory of Self-Cognition*. Londona and New York: Routledge, 2005.

### **Details of course website**

We use Blackboard ([elearn.cuhk.edu.hk](http://elearn.cuhk.edu.hk)) for this course. Lecture notes and essay guidelines will be available at the website.

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