

International Buddhist College

Course Outline

Second Semester 2014 Academic Year

Subject	CB301 Buddhism in China I
Instructor	
Class Hour	T: 1:30 pm- 4:30 pm
Classroom	
Office Hour	By Appointment
Email	
Webpage	http://korat.ibc.ac.th/CB301

1. Course Description

A historical and comprehensive study of the three teachings based on: the religious background of China prior to the arrival of Buddhism; a study in contrast between Taoism and Confucianism - social attitude versus philosophical speculations. Characteristics of early Buddhist schools introduced to China and their philosophical depth; the trend towards propagations of schools of popular appeal like Sukhāvāṭīvyūha (Chin Tu / Jo Do); growth of monastic institutions - their good and bad sides (the proscription of the growth of monasteries); the diversity of cultural manifestation in Art, Architecture and Sculpture.

2. Required Textbook

- Ch'en, Kenneth. *Buddhism in China: A Historical Survey*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1964. **Chapter 1- Chapter 7 or pp 1-212.**
- Fung, Yu-lan. *A Short History of Chinese Philosophy*. Ed. Derk Bodde. New York: Macmillan, 1966. **Chapter 1 to Chapter 20. or pp. 1-240.**

3. Recommend Texts

- Chan, Wing-tsit, ed. *A Source Book in Chinese Philosophy*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1963.
- , ---. "The Spirit of Oriental Philosophy," *Philosophy--East and West*. (ed. Charles A. Moore) New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1946. pp. 137-167
- , ---. "The Story of Chinese Philosophy," *Philosophy--East and West*. (ed. Charles A. Moore) New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1946. pp. 24-68
- Ch'en, *The Chinese Transformation of Buddhism*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1973.
- Ivanhoe, Philip J. and Van Norden, Bryan W. *Readings in classical Chinese philosophy*. Ed. New York: Seven Bridges Press, 2001.**
- Junjiro, Takakusu. *The Essentials of Buddhist Philosophy*. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 2002.
- Kenneth K. Inada. "The Chinese Doctrinal Acceptance of Buddhism." *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, vol 24:1 (1991), PP. 5-17.
- Walter, Liebenthal. "Chinese Buddhism During the 4th and 5th Centuries." *Monumental Nipponica*, Vol. 11, No. 1. (1995), pp. 44-83.**
- Weinstein, Stanley. *Buddhism under the T'ang*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1987.

Zürcher, Erik. *The Buddhist Conquest of China: The Spread and Adaptation of Buddhism in Early Medieval China*. 3d ed. Leiden: Brill, 2007.

4. Course Plan

Lecture 1	The religious background of China prior to the arrival of Buddhism.
Lecture 2	Confucianism I
Lecture 3	Confucianism II
Lecture 4	Taoism I
Lecture 5	Taoism II
Lecture 6	Han Dynasty and the accepting Buddhism
Lecture 7	Midterm exam
Lecture 8	Early Translations of Chinese texts
Lecture 9	Characteristics of early Buddhist schools introduced to China
Lecture 10	Early Buddhist Study Groups I
Lecture 11	Early Buddhist Study Groups II
Lecture 12	Conflicts between Buddhism and Taoism/Confucianism
Lecture 13	The diversity of cultural manifestation in Art, Architecture and Sculpture.
Lecture 14	Presentation
Lecture 15	Review

6. Course Requirements

Students require to read the assigned textbook before joining the class (weekly reading assignment will be given in the class). One essay (around 5 pages, double space with footnotes and bibliography) and one presentation are required.

For essay writing guide: <http://ibc.ac.th/faqing/essayguide>

5. Allocation of Marks

1. Essay and Presentation: 20%
2. Mid-term exam: 20%
3. Final written exam: 60%

7. Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will understand the basic thoughts of Taoism and Confucianism, the historical and philosophical background of the accepting Buddhism in China, the characteristics of early Buddhist schools in China and how Buddhism influenced the Chinese culture.