

Course Title	Buddhist Traditions
Instructor	DROTT Edward
Course Description	This course will provide students with a thorough introduction to the breadth and depth of the Buddhist tradition, tracing its complex pattern of dissemination throughout Asia. The course will follow Buddhism's growth chronologically, giving a basic outline of pre-Buddhist South Asian religion, the Buddha's biography, basic Buddhist philosophy, the development of the <i>tripitaka</i> early practices, the rise of Theravāda, Mahāyāna and Vajrayāna, the development of new sects and movements in Central and East Asia, and "modernist" attempts to rework the tradition from the nineteenth century forward.
Objectives	Students will gain a detailed knowledge of the history of the Buddhist tradition and the enormous diversity within the tradition as it has been practiced in India, Tibet, China, Southeast Asia, Korea, Japan and the rest of the world. Students will consider both the continuities and discontinuities between vastly different forms of practice within the tradition.
Method of Instruction	The course will combine lectures and discussion. Students will attend each session with about a page of written or printed notes, comments and discussion questions for each of the readings assigned for that day. Groups of students will also be responsible for giving a short, ten-minute presentation on an entry from the <i>Encyclopedia of Buddhism</i> , or another source selected by the instructor.
Class Preparation	Students will be required to complete reading assignments prior to class and produce at least a page of comments and discussion questions for each of the readings. Students will also need to prepare for the final presentation and for four in-class exams given throughout the semester.
Textbook	All readings will be posted on Moodle
Reference Books	All readings will be posted on Moodle

Course Outline (individual classes)							
1	Introducing the course	16	Tantrism				
2	Introducing the course	17	Buddhism in China				
3	Biographies of the Buddha	18	Buddhism in China				
4	Biographies of the Buddha	19	Chan Buddhism				
5	Dharma	20	Chan Buddhism				
6	Dharma	21	Pure Land Buddhism				
7	Sangha	22	Pure Land Buddhism				
8	Sangha	23	Buddhism in Japan				
9	Theravāda Buddhism	24	Buddhism in Japan				
10	Theravāda Buddhism	25	Buddhist Modernism				
11	Buddhism in Southeast Asia	26	Buddhist Modernism				
12	Buddhism in Southeast Asia	27	Final Presentations				
13	Mahayana Sutras	28	Final Presentations				
14	Mahayana Sutras	29	Review				
15	Tantrism	30	Review				
Evaluation Ratio							
Class Evaluation	40%	Exam	15%	Report	0%	Others	45%
(Others Evaluation) Details	General attendance and participation:					20%	
	Notes, comments and discussion questions:					15%	
	Consultation with instructor:					10%	
Particular Note							
Professor Contact Hours	By email						