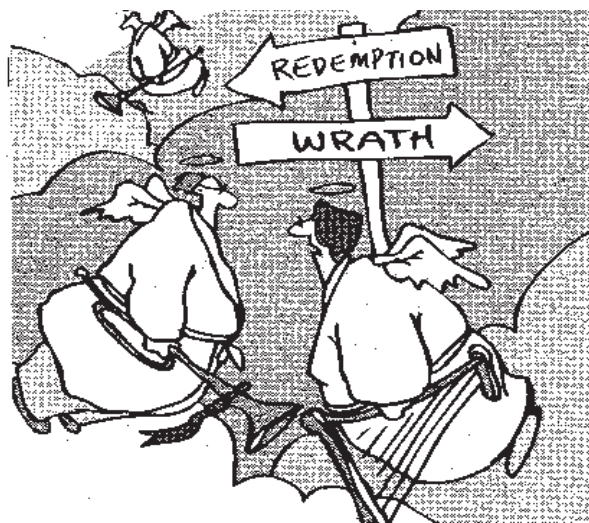


DEPARTMENT AND CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION



“Don't go there.”

Introduction

ASSU would like to thank the Faculty and Staff of the Department and Centre for the Study of Religion for their assistance in providing the following evaluations.

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RLG 100Y1Y World Religions

Instructor(s): W. Saleh

Enr: 193 Resp: 77 Retake: 72%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	1	0	2	8	30	35	21	5.6
Explains	0	1	1	5	13	33	44	6.1
Communicates	0	0	1	0	8	19	70	6.6
Teaching	1	1	1	1	6	35	52	6.3
Workload	1	1	10	59	16	9	1	4.2
Difficulty	1	1	6	72	12	5	0	4.1
Learn Exp	1	0	0	7	20	41	28	5.8

The instructor was found to be very enthusiastic and brought both humour and sincerity to the class. Saleh explained concepts clearly, maintained a high level of energy in class and was very knowledgeable. Overall, students found the instructor to be entertaining and the course material to be very stimulating.

Although the course was found to be very interesting students remarked that tutorials were unnecessary and there was lack of communication amongst the students, TAs and the instructor. Tutorials were unclear and not relevant to the lecture material.

Instructor(s): D. Perley

Enr: 208 Resp: 125 Retake: 80%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	5	15	29	32	16	5.4
Explains	0	1	4	9	39	29	15	5.4
Communicates	1	3	4	16	25	32	16	5.2
Teaching	0	0	1	9	26	38	23	5.7
Workload	0	0	2	69	22	3	1	4.3
Difficulty	0	1	4	68	15	5	2	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	4	37	30	19	6	4.8

Overall, students found the instructor easy going and very approachable with his flexible office hours. Perley was enthusiastic about the material and used a variety of ways to evaluate students. A few students felt that the instructor was a little monotonous and that the readings did not coincide with the lectures.

The tests and essays were not too challenging. However some stu-

dents felt that the tutorials were not helpful.

RLG 202Y1Y The Jewish Religious Tradition

Instructor(s): M. LaGrone

Enr: 47 Resp: 26 Retake: 95%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	7	23	11	26	30	5.5
Explains	0	0	3	23	0	30	42	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	11	7	19	61	6.3
Teaching	0	0	0	11	11	30	46	6.1
Workload	0	0	0	76	16	0	8	4.4
Difficulty	0	4	20	36	16	16	8	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	4	27	9	22	36	5.6

LaGrone was said to be a very good instructor who was clear and very friendly to his students. He delivered the course material in a very enthusiastic manner which encouraged students to be excited about the course. He was also very approachable and helped students on a one on one level.

Overall, the course material was found to be very enjoyable, lectures were not so organized but the instructor was very clear about the course requirements and the course material.

RLG 205Y1Y The Hindu Religious Tradition

Instructor(s): D. Miller

Enr: 59 Resp: 44 Retake: 83%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	2	19	28	26	23	5.5
Explains	0	2	2	16	27	23	27	5.5
Communicates	0	0	0	4	20	18	55	6.3
Teaching	0	0	4	9	27	25	32	5.7
Workload	0	6	9	67	11	4	0	4.0
Difficulty	0	2	6	62	23	4	0	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	2	28	20	25	22	5.4

Miller was said to be very enthusiastic about the course material and was able to keep the attention of his students. Students found the course very enjoyable and well organized.

The course material was reflected well in forms of the tests. Overall, the course material was found to be a little challenging and sometimes unclear.

RLG 206Y1Y The Buddhist Religious Tradition

Instructor(s): J. Ahn

Enr: 112 Resp: 59 Retake: 58%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	10	0	11	15	30	16	15	4.7
Explains	5	1	10	13	27	27	15	5.0
Communicates	1	1	0	6	13	22	53	6.1
Teaching	5	3	3	10	23	37	16	5.2
Workload	0	0	1	49	15	22	11	4.9
Difficulty	0	0	5	49	27	13	5	4.6
Learn Exp	6	4	4	31	27	13	11	4.5

A few students found the course disorganized and many had difficulty with the structure of the course specifically with regards to assignments and tests. Students also felt this was more of a course on "History of Buddhism" rather than a religion course.

RLG 210Y1Y Introduction to the Sociology of Religion

Instructor(s): J. Bryant

Enr: 69 Resp: 39 Retake: 88%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	2	7	7	28	18	34	5.6
Explains	0	0	0	7	18	31	42	6.1
Communicates	0	0	0	0	15	34	50	6.3
Teaching	0	5	2	2	15	36	36	5.9
Workload	2	0	10	76	5	2	2	4.0

Difficulty	0	2	10	60	15	7	2	4.2
Learn Exp	0	3	0	22	32	25	16	5.3

Students found the course interesting and felt that the instructor was enthusiastic, knowledgeable and funny.

A few students suggested putting up the lecture slides on the course website in advance.

RLG 211Y1Y Introduction to the Psychology of Religion

Instructor(s): W. Wahl

Enr: 106 Resp: 28 Retake: 64%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	28	25	35	10	5.3
Explains	0	0	0	21	32	35	10	5.4
Communicates	0	0	3	14	32	32	17	5.5
Teaching	0	0	3	7	32	42	14	5.6
Workload	0	0	14	60	25	0	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	3	46	25	17	7	4.8
Learn Exp	0	0	9	40	4	36	9	5.0

While students felt that the instructor was a very articulate, intelligent and knowledgeable lecturer a few students found the course to be more of a psychology course than a religion course.

RLG 232H1S Religion and Film

Instructor(s): M. Ostling

Enr: 145 Resp: 96 Retake: 78%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	1	2	16	34	33	11	5.3
Explains	0	0	3	13	40	32	10	5.3
Communicates	0	3	0	12	30	43	10	5.4
Teaching	0	0	4	15	34	34	11	5.3
Workload	0	2	7	63	16	8	1	4.3
Difficulty	0	2	7	59	21	6	2	4.3
Learn Exp	1	4	2	37	28	17	8	4.7

Students seemed to have enjoyed the course although a few felt that the movies selected could have been better.

RLG 245Y1Y Religions of the Silk Road

Instructor(s): A. Goodman

Enr: 97 Resp: 25 Retake: 100%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	4	8	16	72	6.6
Explains	0	0	0	0	4	20	76	6.7
Communicates	0	0	0	0	4	8	88	6.8
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	16	84	6.8
Workload	0	0	4	48	24	16	8	4.8
Difficulty	0	0	12	40	24	12	12	4.7
Learn Exp	0	0	0	5	0	10	85	6.8

Students really enjoyed this course. They felt that the course was well-organized and interesting.

Students also said that the instructor was encouraging, helpful and enthusiastic.

RLG 274H1F Chinese Religions

Instructor(s): A. Goodman

Enr: 70 Resp: 41 Retake: 70%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	7	22	37	22	10	5.1
Explains	0	0	7	27	17	32	15	5.2
Communicates	0	0	2	4	9	26	56	6.3
Teaching	0	2	2	9	26	31	26	5.6
Workload	0	2	2	34	36	14	9	4.9
Difficulty	0	2	12	46	26	12	0	4.3
Learn Exp	0	0	3	40	31	9	15	4.9

Many students mentioned that they used blackboard often and it was very helpful. They felt that the instructor was very knowledgeable and helpful. However a few students felt that there was too much material covered in this class for a half course.

RLG 280Y1Y World Religions: A Comparative Study

Instructor(s): D. Perley

Enr: 37 Resp: 17 Retake: 64%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	5	5	17	41	11	17	5.0
Explains	0	6	6	18	43	12	12	4.9
Communicates	0	12	12	12	31	18	12	4.7
Teaching	0	0	6	18	25	37	12	5.3
Workload	0	5	5	82	5	0	0	3.9
Difficulty	5	0	17	64	11	0	0	3.8
Learn Exp	0	15	15	15	38	7	7	4.3

Although students seemed to have enjoyed the course material, many students thought there was a lack of organization. Assignments were not marked in a timely fashion and students felt that tutorials were disorganized.

Instructor(s): W. Saleh

Enr: 42 Resp: 17 Retake: 92%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	11	11	17	29	29	5.5
Explains	0	0	6	6	0	50	37	6.1
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	11	88	6.9
Teaching	0	0	0	5	11	41	41	6.2
Workload	0	0	18	56	25	0	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	6	12	81	0	0	0	3.8
Learn Exp	0	0	0	10	0	70	20	6.0

Students found this instructor very entertaining, enthusiastic and knowledgeable. They felt he did a great job of explaining key concepts and was fair in testing the knowledge of his students.

RLG 301H1F Sigmund Freud on Religion

Instructor(s): K. Haartman

Enr: 37 Resp: 26 Retake: 80%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	4	4	48	44	6.3
Explains	0	0	0	0	3	38	57	6.5
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	34	65	6.7
Teaching	0	0	0	0	7	46	46	6.4
Workload	0	0	0	52	32	12	4	4.7
Difficulty	0	0	0	28	40	24	8	5.1
Learn Exp	0	0	4	4	9	42	38	6.0

Students enjoyed this course because of the instructor's enthusiasm and the manner with which he presented the material. He was very approachable and he was available for individual consultation.

RLG 302H1S Carl Jung's Theory of Religion

Instructor(s): K. Haartman

Enr: 31 Resp: 17 Retake: 81%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	6	0	12	31	43	6	5.2
Explains	0	0	5	0	17	64	11	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	0	6	62	31	6.2
Teaching	0	0	0	0	31	62	6	5.8
Workload	0	0	6	68	25	0	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	0	23	64	11	0	4.9
Learn Exp	0	0	0	7	23	53	15	5.8

Students found that the instructor was extremely knowledgeable and enthusiastic. He was open to criticism and clearly enjoyed teaching the course. A few students suggested redeveloping the marking scheme.

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RLG 308H1F Religion and the City

Instructor(s): P. Klassen; A. MacDonald

	Enr: 36							Mean
	Resp: 19							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
<u>Klassen:</u>								
Presents	0	0	0	44	27	16	11	4.9
Explains	0	0	5	16	44	22	11	5.2
Communicates	0	0	0	5	27	33	33	5.9
Teaching	0	0	5	22	27	27	16	5.3
<u>MacDonald:</u>								
Presents	0	0	11	16	44	16	11	5.0
Explains	0	0	5	16	38	27	11	5.2
Communicates	0	0	0	0	22	38	38	6.2
Teaching	0	0	5	22	22	44	5	5.2
<u>Course:</u>								
Workload	0	0	5	11	22	16	44	5.8
Difficulty	0	0	5	38	27	27	0	4.8
Learn Exp	0	0	38	23	7	23	7	4.4

Many students felt that the workload was too high for a half course.

RLG 322H1S Early Christian Gospels

Instructor(s): J. Kloppenborg

	Enr: 27							Mean
	Resp: 17							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Retake: 81%								
Presents	0	0	0	5	11	47	35	6.1
Explains	0	0	0	11	5	35	47	6.2
Communicates	0	0	0	6	6	31	56	6.4
Teaching	0	0	0	5	17	35	41	6.1
Workload	0	0	11	76	11	0	0	4.0
Difficulty	0	0	5	70	23	0	0	4.2
Learn Exp	0	7	0	28	21	21	21	5.1

The instructor was organized and well informed. He was able to effectively present the material and convey his enthusiasm to his students.

RLG 323H1F Jesus of Nazareth

Instructor(s): S. Brown

	Enr: 35							Mean
	Resp: 21							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Retake: 88%								
Presents	0	0	4	9	28	38	19	5.6
Explains	0	0	0	19	23	38	19	5.6
Communicates	0	0	14	33	14	23	14	4.9
Teaching	0	0	0	14	47	19	19	5.4
Workload	0	0	0	76	23	0	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	4	80	9	4	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	6	25	31	12	25	5.2

Students found this course extremely interesting and thought provoking. Brown was humorous and knowledgeable.

RLG 340Y1Y Classical Jewish Theology

Instructor(s): D. Novak

	Enr: 19							Mean
	Resp: 16							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Retake: 100%								
Presents	0	0	0	6	12	37	43	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	6	0	26	66	6.5
Communicates	0	0	0	0	6	18	75	6.7
Teaching	0	0	0	0	6	18	75	6.7
Workload	0	6	6	68	12	6	0	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	0	46	40	13	0	4.7
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	15	30	53	6.4

Most students said Novak was an excellent instructor who communicated with his students clearly. He was knowledgeable and was able to make his lectures extremely interesting.

RLG 344Y1Y Antisemitism

Instructor(s): D. Dixon

	Enr: 44							Mean
	Resp: 40							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Retake: 94%								
Presents	0	0	0	10	23	33	33	5.9
Explains	0	0	0	7	23	20	48	6.1
Communicates	0	0	0	17	15	25	41	5.9
Teaching	0	0	0	5	20	38	35	6.1
Workload	0	0	13	73	7	2	2	4.1
Difficulty	0	0	2	76	0	2	7	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	25	25	17	32	5.6

Students found Dixon to be very helpful, approachable and accommodating. He performed well as a lecturer.

RLG 346H1F Time and Place in Judaism

Instructor(s): H. Fox

	Enr: 20							Mean
	Resp: 15							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Retake: 93%								
Presents	0	13	20	13	33	13	6	4.3
Explains	0	6	13	13	26	26	13	4.9
Communicates	0	0	0	21	14	42	21	5.6
Teaching	0	0	13	13	33	20	20	5.2
Workload	0	6	20	66	0	0	6	3.9
Difficulty	6	0	13	53	20	6	0	4.0
Learn Exp	8	8	8	8	33	8	25	4.8

Students found the course interesting and believed that the course helped them develop critical independent thought.

RLG 351H1F The Qur'an: An Introduction

Instructor(s): M. Rustom

	Enr: 35							Mean
	Resp: 20							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Retake: 94%								
Presents	0	0	0	5	20	25	50	6.2
Explains	0	0	5	0	5	25	65	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	15	84	6.8
Teaching	0	0	0	5	10	31	52	6.3
Workload	0	0	0	50	22	22	5	4.8
Difficulty	0	0	0	55	30	15	0	4.6
Learn Exp	0	0	0	13	20	40	16	5.8

Students thought Rustom performed extremely well as a university instructor. He made the readings more understandable through discussions in class. Students recognized that he was very knowledgeable and passionate about the subject.

RLG 361H1S Hindu Myth

Instructor(s): D. Miller

	Enr: 84							Mean
	Resp: 64							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Retake: 82%								
Presents	0	0	6	9	18	27	37	5.8
Explains	0	0	1	12	25	22	37	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	3	11	21	63	6.5
Teaching	0	0	0	12	15	22	49	6.1
Workload	0	3	11	59	17	4	3	4.2
Difficulty	0	1	6	56	22	9	3	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	2	23	20	27	25	5.5

Students appreciated the organization and structure of this course. The instructor put in a lot of effort in his class- overheads, maps, images field trips- and this was greatly appreciated by all his students. The instructor was available for questions on a regular basis and was very knowledgeable.

RLG 375H1S Buddhist Thought in India and Tibet

Instructor(s): A. Maintainay

Enr: 36 Resp: 22 Retake: 77%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	18	59	22	6.0
Explains	4	0	0	0	18	50	27	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	4	13	27	54	6.3
Teaching	0	0	4	4	4	50	36	6.1
Workload	0	0	0	72	27	0	0	4.3
Difficulty	0	0	9	72	13	4	0	4.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	31	15	21	31	5.5

Although students found the lecturer to be an exceptional instructor, students found the workload very high. Many students felt a number of small assignments could have been lumped together as one bigger one. However students found the instructor helpful and the course material itself stimulating.

RLG 379H1S Daoism in Practice

Instructor(s): A. Goodman

Enr: 36 Resp: 21 Retake: 95%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	30	20	35	15	5.3
Explains	0	0	0	15	26	42	15	5.6
Communicates	0	0	0	0	10	31	57	6.5
Teaching	0	0	0	0	21	42	36	6.2
Workload	0	0	0	84	15	0	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	0	5	73	21	0	0	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	0	18	43	18	18	5.4

The instructor had great enthusiasm for the course material. Students enjoyed the class discussions and the ability of the instructor to be available for individual consultation.

RLG 404H1F Method and Theory Seminar

Instructor(s): F. Garrett

Enr: 11 Resp: 9 Retake: 100%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	22	22	55	6.3
Explains	0	0	0	0	22	22	55	6.3
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	55	44	6.4

Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	22	77	6.8
Workload	0	0	0	66	11	22	0	4.6
Difficulty	0	0	0	55	11	22	11	4.9
Learn Exp	0	0	0	20	0	60	20	5.8

RLG 492H1S Individual Studies

Instructor(s): E. Mills

Enr: 5 Resp: 3 Retake: 100%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	7
Explains	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	7
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	33	66	6.7
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	33	66	6.7
Workload	0	0	0	0	0	66	33	6.3
Difficulty	0	0	0	0	33	33	33	6.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	0	33	66	6.7

Instructor(s): P. Klassen

Enr: 6 Resp: 5 Retake: 100%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	20	0	0	30	20	0	4.6
Explains	0	20	0	0	20	40	20	5.2
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	60	40	6.4
Teaching	0	0	0	20	0	20	60	6.2
Workload	0	0	20	20	20	40	0	4.8
Difficulty	0	0	0	40	40	20	0	4.8
Learn Exp	0	0	0	25	0	25	50	6.0

RLG 493H1S Individual Studies

Instructor(s): P. Klassen

Enr: 6 Resp: 8 Retake: 100%

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	42	28	28	0	4.9
Explains	0	0	0	42	28	28	0	4.9
Communicates	0	0	0	14	42	28	14	5.4
Teaching	0	0	0	0	28	42	28	6.0
Workload	0	0	14	28	14	42	0	4.9
Difficulty	0	0	0	42	42	14	0	4.7
Learn Exp	0	0	0	14	14	42	28	5.9

