History of Hinduism

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY-NEWARK
SYNCHRONOUS REMOTE COURSE

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*fulfills History core curriculum requirement

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What will I learn in this class?!

The history and diversity of one of the world’s oldest religious traditions.

Hindu beliefs and practices (and how they’ve changed over time).

How academics study religion and why it matters in the modern world.

About some amazing stories, rituals, and experiences.

Canvas is your guide.

Follow the weekly overviews and modules.
# How do I get the grade I want?


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## Class Attendance

Prepare, attend, and participate.

## Short Assignments

They really will be short. Sometimes before class and sometimes in class; all instructions on Canvas.

## Written Assignments and Final Project

You will have options for all of them. I want you to explore topics that interest you. Along the way, you will deepen your understanding of the many facets and perspectives both within and about Hindu traditions.
Talk to me about Readings

You need to procure the three required textbooks:

- [link to buy](#)
- [link to buy](#)
- [link to buy](#)

All other readings are on Canvas
Absences: Everyone gets one unexcused absence. Beyond that, your grad may suffer. If you find yourself missing class or having difficulties, whether for pandemic-related or other reasons, please reach out to the professor to discuss the best way to succeed in this course.

Rutgers University policies on absences:
- Excused Absences: Recognized grounds for absence include illness requiring medical attention, curricular or extracurricular activities approved by the faculty, and recognized religious holidays. You must contact the professor or grader, in advance where possible, or absences will be counted as unexcused.
- Extended Absences: Any student who misses eight or more sessions through any combination of excused and unexcused absences will not earn credit in this class. Such students should withdraw to avoid getting an F.

Academic Integrity: You must have this. If you plagiarize, cheat, help another student cheat, or are otherwise academically dishonest, you will face disciplinary action. Don't want trouble? Don’t Cheat. Full Rutgers Academic Integrity policy.

Intellectual Property: Lectures, powerpoints, assignments, and other materials utilized in this course are protected by United States copyright laws as well as Rutgers University policy. You are not permitted to share any of these without written consent from the instructor. Similarly, all original work that you produce for this course is covered by copyright protections, and the instructor will share your work without written consent from you.

Late Work: All late work incurs a penalty of one letter grade (10% reduction) for every 24 hours late.
Counseling Center: The Rutgers–Newark Counseling Center provides a number of counseling and consultative services to enrolled and eligible undergraduate and graduate students. For students, if you are seeking individual or group therapy, you can expect to find a safe, supportive space to collaboratively identify and begin to change the thoughts, behaviors, and beliefs that prevent you from being your best self. More here.

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Food: PantryRUN, the campus food pantry, helps students who have difficulty affording enough healthy food to remain focused on their studies and stay healthy. Hours and information.

Pandemic: Your go-to for how COVID-19 is being handled at Rutgers University-Newark is MyRun Student Resources.

Writing: The Rutgers University-Newark Writing Center provides tutoring for students who want to strengthen their reading, writing, and research skills. They offer individual sessions and writing workshops to all undergraduate students currently enrolled. Find information here.
Schedule – TBA