

HAWAII

The Religions of East Asia



J-Term 2014

In this course students gain firsthand experience of the major religious traditions of East Asia—including Buddhism, Shintō, and Daoism—by exploring religious sites in the ethnically diverse back streets and mountain valleys of Honolulu.

Highlights include:

- Explore lived Buddhism in temples of the Chinese, Japanese, and Korean traditions.
- Meditate at an American Zen Center situated far back in a mountain valley.
- Learn about Chinese folk religion in Honolulu's Chinatown markets.

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Credit:

RELI 132

- Department Credit

Fulfills these two GenEds:

- Global Religion (RG)
- Cross Cultural Diversity (C)

Program Cost:

\$2,300

Includes airfare, lodging, and program related transportation.

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Course Description:

Students in this course will learn about the history and modern-day practice of religions important in China, Korea, and Japan by visiting more than a dozen authentic East Asian religious sites in and around Honolulu. This course is reading intensive, so students should be prepared to spend a good portion of the time we are not in class or on site visits reading primary texts for class. Students will also complete a group project on one of Honolulu's Asian religious sites. Please note, much of our travel within Honolulu will take place by public bus, and there will be a lot of walking.

Application Deadline:

April 12th, 2013. The instructor will interview all applicants. A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 is required with the application. A \$250 non-refundable payment to confirm participation in the course is due within 10 days of notification of acceptance. Maximum 18 students. Dr. Hammerstrom also requires a supplementary application to be submitted via email. Interviews will be held in April. Please find the supplemental application on the Wang Center website.

