

Textbook Alternatives Project (TAP)

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ASIA/HUM/RELS 70B: Eastern Religions

Hindu, Buddhist, Confucian, Taoist and other Asian traditions from ancient beginnings to present expressions. Structure and dynamics manifest in sacred texts, institutions, rituals, central figures and movements. Emphasis on living religions and their traditional roots.

Brief description of the course and its place in the curriculum

A three-unit General Education course in the Humanities & Arts category, an average of 120 students take Eastern Religions annually. Currently, classroom materials for this course cost students \$78.40 each.

Summary of course re-design activities

Prof. Jochim is replacing current classroom materials with a course reader created using AcademicPub, a web-based platform that makes course packs available to students online and in print. Using this platform, blog posts, web pages, image files, PDF files, PowerPoint files and open educational resources can be incorporated into a single resource that is available online and in print.

By taking advantage of the many free online resources available in this discipline, the cost of the course reader can be kept down under \$20.00. This will collectively save students almost \$7,000 annually.



*The noblest pleasure is
the joy of understanding.*

Leonardo da Vinci

