

**EKAMAI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
COURSE OUTLINE**

Department / Program: VALUES III
Course Title: Asian Religion
Course Schedule: Daily - Monday through Friday
Location: HS Building # 625

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Course Description: This course is the study of major Asian Religions like Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Islam, Sikhism & Adventism. This study helps students to learn detail teachings and dogmas and learn positive values from the said religions. Students will explore the concept of Karma, Sin, Moksha and Salvation from this religious studies and see how it is similar to the Christian worldview.

Course Objectives:

- Students will have better understanding of Hinduism and its beliefs and practices.
- Students will know the name and its characteristics of few major Hindu deities.
- Students will know the differences & similarities between Theravada Buddhism and Mahayana Buddhism.
- Students will have better understanding of the Chinese thoughts and philosophies propagated by Lao Tzu (Taoism) and Confucius.
- Students will know more about Judaism, Christianity and Islam; how similar they are and yet vast differences found among the three monotheistic religion.
- Students will know the biography and teachings of the Sikh gurus.
- Students will know the history and the fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Course Prerequisites or/and Course Restrictions: There is no pre-requisite for this course.

Format of the course: Lecture with Group Discussion, Group activities, Video/Slide presentation, Documentary Movies, etc. For every lecture, Lecture Handouts will be provided. Additional information are found on the teacher's Web site.

Course Grading:

Participation	10%	10%
Notebook	20%	30%
Tests	40%	40%
Paper/Projects/Presentations	20%	
ESLO	10%	10%
ESP	10%	10%

Late assignments: Deducted 5% per day.

Course Policy: Regular attendance is expected of students in all their classes (including lectures, field trips, video presentations, group presentations, etc.). Students who neglect their academic work and assignments may be excluded from the final examinations. Students who are unavoidably absent because of illness or disability should report to their instructors on return to classes.

Mobile phones and audio/video devices [mp3, mp4, mpeg, iPod players, etc.] are NOT permitted in class. If you bring one to class, be sure to turn it off and keep it inside your bag or it will be confiscated.

You are required to speak the International Language [English] during all academic work - whether it be inside or outside the classroom.

Academic Dishonesty: Please review the Student Handbook "Academic Integrity" for the school policy on cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty.

Students should retain a copy of all submitted assignments (in case of loss) and should also retain all their marked assignments in case they wish to apply for a Review of Assigned Standing. Students have the right to view their marked tests and examinations with their instructor, providing they apply to do so within a week of receiving their grades. This review is for pedagogic purposes. The tests, projects and examination remains the property of the instructor or the school.

Course Requirements: Students are required to attend classes and on-time. 3 Tardies = 1 Absent. A student is allowed maximum of 5 absence per quarter. Excessive number of absence may result in no credit.

Participate in all class discussions.

Sit for all Tests, Quizzes and Examinations.

Projects and Group Activities must be handed according to their due dates.

Field trip is a requirement, not an option. Please see the School calendar for the field trip date.

Term Papers: Students are required to write two term papers on an assigned topic. The term papers must be properly formatted [APA or MLA]. Due dates and topics for the term papers will be announced later.

Web Site: Students are encourage to visit the Teachers' web site for class/school related information. All assignments, handouts will be posted on the teachers' web site. Please visit the site especially the day before the test to see the review sheet and study pointers.

Department ESLOs:

1. Effective Communicator. Every student is required to speak English at all time during class activity and also while in campus.
2. Responsible Citizen. Every students is required to have high or develop high moral and ethical standards. Be responsible to protect the natural environment and have a healthy, balanced life-style.
3. Collaborative Worker. Demonstrate teamwork and respects others' ideas and opinions. Work toward the achievement of group goals.

Textbook: There is not specific textbook for this course though a textbook has been published by the NAD but it will be used as a supplementary resource only. The teacher will supply handouts and post necessary information on the web. A supplementary textbook will be given during the fourth quarter called "*Friendships*."