

# South and Southeast Asian Studies (SSEASN)

## Courses

### S,SEASN C51 Introductory Topics in Religious Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2012, Fall 2010, Fall 2007

Selected introductory topics in the study of religion.

#### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** South and Southeast Asian Studies/  
Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructor:** Dalmia

**Also listed as:** RELIGST C90B

### S,SEASN N51 Introductory Topics in Religious Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2008 10 Week Session, Summer 2008 Second 6 Week Session

Selected introductory topics in the study of religion.

#### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

#### Hours & Format

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** South and Southeast Asian Studies/  
Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

### S,SEASN C52 Introduction to the Study of Buddhism 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

This introduction to the study of Buddhism will consider materials drawn from various Buddhist traditions of Asia, from ancient times down to the present day. However, the course is not intended to be a comprehensive or systematic survey; rather than aiming at breadth, the course is designed around key themes such as ritual, image veneration, mysticism, meditation, and death. The overarching emphasis throughout the course will be on the hermeneutic difficulties attendant upon the study of religion in general, and Buddhism in particular.

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** South and Southeast Asian Studies/  
Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Also listed as:** BUDDSTD C50/EA LANG C50

### S,SEASN 98A Directed Group Study for Lower Division Students: South Asian Studies 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2019, Spring 2019

Four-unit limit per term.

#### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** South and Southeast Asian Studies/  
Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

## **S,SEASN 99A Supervised Independent Study and Research for Lower Division Students: South Asian Studies 1 - 4 Units**

Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2017, Fall 2014

Four-unit limit per term.

### **Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### **Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

### **Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** South and Southeast Asian Studies/  
Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

## **S,SEASN C135 Tantric Traditions of Asia 4 Units**

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2013, Spring 2010

The emergence of the tantras in seventh and eighth-century India marked a watershed for religious practice throughout Asia. These esoteric scriptures introduced complex new ritual technologies that transformed the religious traditions of India, from Brahmanism to Jainism and Buddhism, as well as those of Southeast Asia, Tibet, Mongolia, China, Korea, and Japan. This course provides an overview of tantric religion across these regions.

### **Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### **Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** South and Southeast Asian Studies/  
Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructor:** Dalton

**Also listed as:** BUDDSTD C135/EA LANG C135

## **S,SEASN 140N Cinematic Asias: Genre, Gender, Community 4 Units**

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course introduces to the study of various genres of South, Southeast, and East Asian cinema, such as auteur, fantasy, kitsch, political, and indie. This will invite rethinking the individual's place in gendered, sexualized, hyper-urbanized, conflicted, and often violent postcolonial worlds. The course will include readings drawn from critical film theory, postcolonial film criticism, psychoanalysis, and new media.

### **Hours & Format**

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

### **Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** South and Southeast Asian Studies/  
Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

## **S,SEASN C142 Psychoanalytic Theory, Asian Texts 4 Units**

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Fall 2021

Through the prism of psychoanalytical theories, early and contemporary, this course explores a variety of pre-modern and modern East Asian texts—literary, artistic, religious, and theoretical. We will be asking both how these theories enrich our reading of the texts, and how the texts enrich our understanding of the theories. Through close readings of all the material we will begin to discern how theory and text reshape one another, where they mesh productively, and where they insistently stay apart. Topics include: the unconscious, selfhood, repression, attachment, beauty, dreams, ritual, ghosts and haunting, madness, meditative states, mystical experience, mourning, healing, therapeutic method and cure. No prerequisites.

### **Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### **Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** South and Southeast Asian Studies/  
Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

**Also listed as:** EA LANG C142

## S,SEASN C145 Buddhism in Contemporary Society 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

A study of the Buddhist tradition as it is found today in Asia. The course will focus on specific living traditions of East, South, and/or Southeast Asia. Themes to be addressed may include contemporary Buddhist ritual practices; funerary and mortuary customs; the relationship between Buddhism and other local religious traditions; the relationship between Buddhist institutions and the state; Buddhist monasticism and its relationship to the laity; Buddhist ethics; Buddhist "modernism," and so on.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** South and Southeast Asian Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructor:** von Rospatt

**Also listed as:** BUDDSTD C128/EA LANG C128

## S,SEASN 199D Supervised Independent Study and Research: Malay/Indonesian 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2014, Spring 2013

Four-unit limit per term.

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** South and Southeast Asian Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

## S,SEASN 199E Supervised Independent Study and Research: Southeast Asian Studies 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Four-unit limit per term.

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** South and Southeast Asian Studies/ Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

## S,SEASN C220 Seminar in Buddhism and Buddhist Texts 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Content varies with student interests. The course will normally focus on classical Buddhist texts that exist in multiple recensions and languages, including Chinese, Sanskrit, and Tibetan.

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** South and Southeast Asian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Also listed as:** BUDDSTD C220/EA LANG C220

## S,SEASN 290E Special Studies: Southeast Asian Studies 1 - 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021

Students may enroll in more than one section of 290, but the total number of units of Special Study in any one semester may not exceed 12.

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-5 hours of independent study per week

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 1.5-9 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** South and Southeast Asian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

## **S,SEASN 602F Individual Study for Doctoral Students: Sanskrit 1 - 8 Units**

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2017

Individual study in consultation with the major field adviser, intended to provide an opportunity for qualified students to prepare themselves for the various examinations required for candidates for the Ph.D.

### **Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** For candidates for doctoral degree

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### **Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

### **Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** South and Southeast Asian Studies/Graduate examination preparation

**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.