161-221 Asian and Comparative Philosophy

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Undergraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus. *
Time Commitment:	Total Time Commitment: *
Prerequisites:	At least one single-semester first-year philosophy or Asian studies subject (in consultation with the lecturers) or permission from the Head of School or the lecturers in charge of the subject.
Corequisites:	*
Recommended Background Knowledge:	*
Non Allowed Subjects:	*
Core Participation Requirements:	*
Coordinator:	Prof Graham Priest
Subject Overview:	This subject is an introduction to central aspects of Asian philosophy, and especially the philosophical traditions of India, China and Japan. Students can expect to learn the basic elements of the philosophical thought of Hinduism, Buddhism (including Zen), Islam, Taoism, and Confucianism. Issues in both ethics and metaphysics will be considered. Some parallels with Western philosophy may be drawn.
Assessment:	A 2-hour written examination (not open-book) 50% (at the end of semester). Tutorial minipapers each week, the best five will be counted 50%.
Prescribed Texts:	*
Recommended Texts:	Information Not Available
Breadth Options:	This subject is a level 2 or level 3 subject and is not available to new generation degree students as a breadth option in 2008. This subject or an equivalent will be available as breadth in the future. Breadth subjects are currently being developed and these existing subject details can be used as guide to the type of options that might be available. 2009 subjects to be offered as breadth will be finalised before re-enrolment for 2009 starts in early October.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	# be able to bring philosophical skills to bear upon their studies in other disciplines; # have improved their ability to engage with complex texts; # develop skill in the critique of arguments.
Notes:	Students who have completed 161-134 Asian Philosophies are not eligible to enrol in this subject
Related Course(s):	Bachelor of Arts Diploma in Arts (Philosophy) Diploma in Arts (Philosophy)
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