

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

East Asia has produced a rich array of cultures, and in the 21st century it has become an important region economically and politically. In this course we explore and experience East Asian religions as they exist in the diverse culture of Honolulu, Hawai'i. We examine the question of what "religion" is, and how it applies to East Asia. We study the cosmological and philisophical roots of Asian philosophical and folk traditions, as well as of Mahayana Buddhism. In Honolulu, we will visit museums and various religious sites to learn firsthand about the contemporary practices of these traditions.



The Religions of East Asia

Hawai'i



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS*

- Mānoa Chinese Cemetery: Signs of Confucian respect embedded in a fengshui cosmology
- Hsu Yun and Muryang Temples: Studying the abundant symbolism of Chinese and Korean Buddhist art and architecture
- Kotohira Jinsha: Group ceremony and discussion with the priest of a traditional Shintō Shrine
- Honolulu Diamond Sangha: Introductory class on Zen meditation
- Sampling the authentic foodways of Hawai'i, China, and Korea
- Optional 'ukulele classes with the instructor
- *May be subject to change

Educating to achieve a just, healthy, sustainable and peaceful world, both locally and globally.

ACADEMICS

• RELI 132 (C, RG) -- 4 credits PREREQUISITE: None

Program fee will be finalized by April 1, 2017. Check the Wang Center/Study Away Website for final pricing.

Fees generally include the following (check website for more details):

- Airfare
- Lodging
- Study tours
- Foreign travel insurance
- Some meals

Participants in this program may apply for a Global Scholar Award. Please contact the Wang Center for additional information and the application.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- February 8, 2017 Application available
- April 15, 2017 Application deadline (\$50 non-refundable application fee)
- May 5, 2017 Notifications sent
- May 26, 2017 Confirmation deadline (\$300 confirmation deposit)

Supplemental application required, check website for details.

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