

RELS 224: TAOISM

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This course will explore the philosophy, worldview, spirituality and ethics of Taoism, China's organized indigenous religion, in Chinese history and in the contemporary world. In this class, we will explore Taoism in its historical context, including its deep impact on the societal development of China, as well as spread to North America and beyond in the modern age. We will also analyze religious Taoism through intersectional means, such as Taoist views of gender, class, and age. This course will provide students with more nuanced understandings of Chinese religious history and culture as well as provide new interpretations for their own worldview.

Course Breakdown

We will read secondary source chapters as well as primary source readings in historical context. Students will write reflections focusing on the primary source materials allowing them to more fully understand the lived traditions of Taoism. The course will also be broken down into quizzes, class participation, and discussion.

Grading

Reflections: 60%
 Quizzes: 20%
 Discussion Posts: 10%
 Participation: 10%

Time Commitment per Week

8 hours

Prerequisite

Level 2

Required Textbook/Materials

Yes