In this online course you will learn about the main systems of Asian philosophy embedded in the traditions of Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, and Confucianism. Topics will include: What is real and what is mere appearance? What is the actual nature of the self? What are our responsibilities toward others? What is wisdom? The answers that ancient Asian cultures offered to these questions not only tell us a lot about these cultures and their great philosophers, but also provide valuable perspectives on 21st century problems such as social and ecological disruption and the allocation of limited resources.

The professor for this course is David Komito, who has written extensively on Buddhist Middle Way Philosophy and the Psychology of Religion.

This course satisfies requirements in the Interpreting the Past Junior Cluster, the Asian Studies Certificate and the Asian Studies Minor.

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