

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: PHI 260

Credits: 3

Course Title: Studies in Eastern Thinking

Course Description: Introduces an in-depth study of the East through a variety of approaches, which include music, literature, drama, and cinema. Places special emphasis on Chinese and Japanese philosophy and religion, especially Buddhism. Prerequisite: Must have tested into English 111 with no developmental co-requisites. Lecture 3 hours.

General Course Purpose: This course would provide a humanities elective for those interested in broadening their knowledge of the Far East.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

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Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Compare and contrast the origin and major characteristics of the major East Asian philosophies, including Confucianism, Taoism, Shintoism, and Buddhism; and
- b. Explain the major characteristics of the literature, drama, and cinema of these philosophies.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Confucianism
- b. Taoism
- c. Shintoism
- d. Buddhism
- e. Far Eastern literature, drama, and cinema

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