

RMA 105T: HINDUISM

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Course Credits: 3:0

Eligibility: Credit & Audit students Course

Course Catalog Description (3-5 lines)

This course looks into the origins, Vedic Hinduism, mythologies-Vedic, Epic & Puranic of Hinduism, sacraments, Temple Hinduism, sectarian Hinduism and modern Hindu movements

Detailed Course Description

This course will survey Vedic Hinduism, the 16 sacraments from the Grhya Sūtras, the mythologies of the gods Gaṇeśa, Durgā, Śiva, Viṣṇu, Kṛṣṇa, and analyze the two Hindu epics, i.e., the Rāmāyaṇa of Vālmīki and the Mahābhārata of Vyāsa and then look at the institutions of Temple Hinduism, pūjās and vratas

Course Topics

1. Week-1 Introduction to World Religions and ethnography of the Indians
2. Week-2 Vedic Hinduism (metaphysical)
3. Week-3 Vedic Hinduism (sacramental and mythological)
4. Week-4 Gaṇeśa
5. Week-5 Mother-Goddess (Mahādevī) Part 1
6. Week-6 Mother-Goddess (Mahādevī) part 2
7. Week-7 Śiva
8. Week-8 Śiva
9. Week-9 Viṣṇu
10. Week-10 Rāma
11. Week-11 Rāma
12. Week-12 Kṛṣṇa
13. Week-13 Mahābhārata
14. Week-14 Temple Hinduism, Pūjās and Vratas Part 1
15. Week-15 Temple Hinduism, Pūjās and Vratas Part 2

