WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

*Windward Community College is committed to excellence in the liberal arts and career development; we support and challenge individuals to develop skills, fulfill their potential, enrich their lives, and become contributing, culturally aware members of our community.*

1. **Course Description**- In this course you will study Jainism in more depth than in REL 202: Understanding Indian Religions. This course is for students who have already completed REL 202 and who plan on participating in the International Summer School for Jain Studies (ISSJS)\(^1\) 3 or 6 week program in India over the summer.

2. **Course Objective**- To study Jainism in depth and prepare you for living and studying in India.

3. **Required Activities/ Method of Instruction**-
   a. Attendance and Participation: It is imperative that you make it to every class meeting. Please actively participate in our class meetings, both by asking questions and engaging in academic discussion with your classmates.
   b. Readings: This course only meets once a week but is still worth three credits. It is important that you complete the readings from categories 3. and 4. of the required reading list in the 1.5hrs/wk

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\(^1\) [www.jainstudies.org](http://www.jainstudies.org)
we are not meeting. You are expected to be self-motivated, complete all of the assigned readings, and conduct a considerable amount of research on your own. 2 Although it will not be graded, I highly encourage you to keep a journal of questions and comments from the readings.

2. Discussion Leader: You will sign up to be the discussion leader for one of the Jaini chapters. Do not merely regurgitate what the assigned reading states about that topic. Use at least five additional resources (three of which need to be books) in order to prepare your presentation. Anticipate needing to borrow books from UHM and plan ahead. You can present the information in any way you like (examples: primary source readings, PowerPoint presentation, discussion and review questions, games, circle discussion, poster board, handouts, a combination thereof, etc)

d. Reaction Paper: Write a 4-8 page reaction paper on the reading(s) you selected from categories 3. and/or 4. of the required reading list. You will share some of the most interesting parts of your readings and reflections/analyses with your classmates.

e. Research Paper: Select a topic in Jainism for your research paper. A draft will be collected before your end of term research paper.

2 For a good list of books available in English on Jainism go to http://www.jainworld.com/library/englishauthorname.asp
For Jaina scriptures (primary source material) available on the web see http://www.sacred-texts.com/jai/index.htm
For an archive of articles from the International Journal for Jaina Studies see http://www.soas.ac.uk/research/publications/journals/ijjs/archive/
For an archive of articles from the Journal of Indian Philosophy (the search engine is quite good so you can narrow it down to Jain topics) see http://www.springerlink.com/content/102937/?p=4ed5ec230c2e4ad1a65a0367a5d8b276&pi=0
For an archive of articles from the History of Religions journal see http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/toc/hr/current?cookieSet=1
I highly recommend searching for articles on Jainism in Philosophy East and West (University of Hawaii Press) which can be accessed at www.jstor.org among other places.
For a good starting place see http://www.jainlibrary.org/english.php
4. **Textbooks/ Resource Materials**
   Required Reading:
   1. *The Jaina Path of Purification* by Padmanabh Jaini (main textbook)
   Required Secondary Reading:
   3. One of the following books on Jainism: *The Jains* by Paul Dundas, *Jains in the World* by John Cort, or a book (or seven articles) on Jainism of your choice by either Peter Flugel, Phyllis Granoff, or Anne Vallely
   4. One of the following books on Indian history: *The Story of India* by Michael Wood, *India: A History* by John Keay, or *A New History of India* by Stanley Wolpert

5. **Method of Grading**
   Attendance – 15%
   In-class Discussion – 15%
   Discussion Leader Presentation – 20%
   4-8 pg paper on required readings 3. and/or 4. – 20%
   5-7 pg Research Paper Draft – 10%
   10-15 pg Research Paper – 20%

6. **Schedule**
   1/12: Introductions 😊 Why do you want to go to India? Why do you want to study Jainism in more depth? Photo slideshow; Pronunciations
   1/19: Jaini Ch. 1 – Mahavira and the Foundations of Jainism
   1/26: Recommendations on what to do before leaving for India; Tips on living and studying in India
   2/2: Jaini Ch. 2 – The First Disciples and the Jaina Scriptures led by _______________________
   2/9: Jaini Ch. 3 – The Nature of Reality led by ______________________
2/16: Jaini Ch. 4 – The Mechanism of Bondage led by ________________________________

2/23: Reaction Paper due; Discussion of Secondary Readings

3/2: Jaini Ch. 5 – Samyak-Darshana: The First Awakening led by ________________________________

3/9: Jaini Ch. 6 – Vrata and Pratima: The Path of the Layman led by ________________________________

3/16: Research Paper Drafts due; Discussion on what you are researching; Preparations for ISSJS

3/23: No Class- Spring Break

3/30: Jaini Ch. 7 – Jaina Rituals and Ceremonies led by ________________________________

4/6: Jain Position on Women and Worship; Jain Art

4/13: Jaini Ch. 8 – The Mendicant Path and the Attainment of the Goal led by ________________________________

4/20: Jaini Ch. 9 – Jaina Society through the Ages: Growth and Survival led by ________________________________

4/27: Jain Attitudes toward the Environment and Ecology

5/4: Research Paper due; Final Thoughts