



# Gurus and Governors

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## COURSES

### College Connections

REL 199

1 credit

### World Religions: Asian Traditions

REL 101

Core Education Arts & Letters (>1)

Global Perspectives (>GP)

4 credits

### Reacting to the Past

HIST 211

Core Education Social Science (>2)

4 credits

## CALENDAR

### First FIG Meeting

You will get to meet your FIG classmates, FIG Assistant (FA), and Faculty before classes start!

Check your FIG page in September to find out more details.

## ACADEMIC TEAM

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## ABOUT THIS FIG

### College Connections

This FIG combines the study of key texts from Asian religious traditions together with the engaging “Reacting to the Past” role-playing learning that focuses on a pair of concrete historical, political, and social contexts in which Indian religious traditions play pivotal parts.

### World Religions: Asian Traditions

This course examines key concepts and practices from such Asian religions as Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and Daoism. Since there is not time to provide a comprehensive survey of all religions in Asia, this course provides a balance of some broad coverage with in-depth examination of primary scriptures, scholarly analysis, and contemporary issues. The focus of our examination will be on the philosophical understanding of religious ideas supported by a critical examination of historical context. We will study key ideas within the critical context of various cultural and historical issues such as gender, class, and ritual practices. As part of this study, we will also explore the contemporary relevance of historically derived ideas and practices.

### Reacting to the Past

Reacting to the Past (RTTP) is an award-winning series of immersive role-playing games that actively engage students in their own learning. Students assume the roles of historical characters and practice critical thinking, primary source analysis, and argument. Students in this course will play three RTTP games over the ten-week term. The first focuses around the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago, 1893, that took place during the “Columbian Exposition” World Fair of that year. The second focuses on controversies surrounding the institution of sati (ritual widow suicide through burning herself on her husband’s funeral pyre) around the year 1829 in Calcutta, India. The third focuses on the lead-up to the withdrawal of the British from South Asia as World War II draws to a close.

## NEXT STEPS

After you're registered for your FIG, you will want to check out the Meet Your FIG page (<https://fyp.uoregon.edu/fall-2020-figs>). This page will have everything you need to know before the beginning of fall term, including how to email your FIG Assistant, if you have a summer assignment, and when you will be meeting your FIG for the first time in September. In order to prepare for your coursework and be notified about important academic deadlines you will want to download the “Canvas” and “Navigate” apps to your phone or any device you will be using. If you have questions about anything, make sure you email your FIG Assistant – they are here to help!



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12PM					
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2PM				REL 101 15878 MCK 125 2:00pm-3:00pm	REL 199 15879 REMOTE 00 2:00pm-3:00pm
3PM					
4PM		HIST 211 17757 GSH 117 4:15pm-5:45pm		HIST 211 17757 GSH 117 4:15pm-5:45pm	
5PM					
<b>KEY</b>	Your FIG College Connections Class. Meet once a week with 20 peers, Faculty, and FIG Assistant (FA).		The lecture courses associated with your FIG.		Your discussion or lab section for lecture courses.

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