

THE DALAI LAMA:

A SACRED TRADITION & A POLITICAL INSTITUTION

Spring 2010 course

In anticipation of His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama's visit to the University of Northern Iowa on May 18, 2010, an interdisciplinary course is being offered in spring semester.

About the course

The Dalai Lama: A Sacred Tradition and a Political Institution is intended to provide a working knowledge of the cultural, political, aesthetic and philosophical traditions that converge both in the person and the office of the Dalai Lama. Because Western culture has nothing analogous to the Dalai Lama's position in Tibetan society, we can begin to understand His Holiness's essential significance only by familiarizing ourselves with a few of the distinctive traditions that converge to define both the man and his distinctive ideals.

Coursework, materials and discussions will focus on:

Who is the Dalai Lama?

Why is he important to the Tibetan people?

What does he stand for, and how has he parlayed his unique significance to the Tibetan people into a more universal appeal that has given him immediate access to practically every country in the world?

Instructors

The course will be taught by visiting scholars The Venerable Geshe Thupten Dorjee, Dr. Sidney Burris and UNI professor Dr. Jeannie Steele.

Dr. Sidney Burris is Professor of English and Director of the Fulbright College Honors Program and the Religious Studies Program at the University of Arkansas. The Venerable Geshe Thupten Dorjee is an ordained Tibetan Buddhist monk, holder of the advanced geshe lharampa and geshe ngarampa degrees, and instructor at the University of Arkansas.

Dr. Burris and Geshe are co-founders of the Tibetan Cultural Institute of Arkansas.

Location, dates, times

University of Northern Iowa campus
Schindler Education Center
Room 122 (Thursdays), Room 322 (Saturdays)

Thurs, Jan 21, 6–9 pm

Sat, Jan 23, 9 am–12 pm

Thurs, Jan 28, 6–9 pm

Thurs, Feb 18, 6–9 pm

Sat, Feb 20, 9 am–12 pm

Thurs, Feb 25, 6–9 pm

Thurs, March 4, 6–9 pm

Thurs, April 8, 6–9 pm

Thurs, April 15, 6–9 pm

Sat, April 17, 9 am–12 pm



All students who complete the course will receive a ticket to the Dalai Lama event on May 18.

Credit, tuition, fees, enrollment

Tuition rates, fees and course schedules are subject to change.

UNI students enrolled in on-campus courses

Please enroll for course number 010:159, section 1T through MyUNIverse

Community members

\$530 tuition and fees for 2 hours undergraduate credit (or audit). Please enroll for course number 010:159 at www.uni.edu/continuinged/enroll

Teachers

\$500 tuition and fees for 2 hours graduate credit (reflects special workshop rate for teachers). Please enroll for course number 210:133g at www.uni.edu/continuinged/enroll

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