

Syllabus

Seminary Class: History through Texts, 2019

Basics

- Instructors are Kakumyo and Ko'in.
- Times are Tuesday evenings, from 7-9. First half hour is meditation.
- The class starts out slow then gets heavy in late spring.

Feb 5th, Intro

19th, Buddha's time and place

March 5th, Pali Canon

26th, Pali Suttas

April 9th, Abhidharma

23rd, Development of Mahayana

30th, Mahayana and Wisdom Sutras

May 7th, Diversification through Asia

14th, Commentarial Traditions

21st, Japan to West

- This is a required course for Seminary.

Requirements

- 2 papers, one on the Pali literature, one on the Mahayana. Each is 750-1000 words. Email to Kakumyo (kakumyo@dharmarain.org). Passing course requires both assignments completed (due by June 9th).
- 50-100 pages of reading each week.
- Coming prepared and actively participating in class is necessary to pass. 8 out of 10 classes necessary to pass. Can listen to recording to make up.
- Distance students need to either Zoom in or submit questions in advance of class.

Texts

- *A Concise History of Buddhism* (1994); by Andrew Skilton. Windhorse Publications.
- Other texts will be online.