

Department of Asian Languages and Literature

ASIAN 263
Buddhist Literature
Winter Quarter 2010
Professor Collett Cox

5-credit course (VLPA)

T,Th 2:30-3:50 + quiz section at any of several different times
(Students should register for SLN 19351 + quiz section)



An introduction to the vast collections of Buddhist literature including examples from the genres of biography, poetry, narrative, ritual and meditation manuals, doctrinal treatises, and historical accounts. The course will begin with the origins of Buddhist literature in India and will trace its further development in India, China, and Japan. Attention will also be given to the themes of textual composition, transmission, authorship, audience, text context and function. All works are read in English translation.

NO PREREQUISITES!!