This course examines body, mind, and spirit from three disciplines: religious studies, anthropology, and philosophy. Drawing from a selection of both classic and contemporary materials, the course focuses on Daoist, Christian, Buddhist and western phenomenological perspectives. Topics include: ritual body and sacred space, conceptions of mind and body, and numinous experience. The course structure consists of joint weekly lectures and small group discussions by discipline.

Books:


Additional Articles: E-Reserve articles, on-line at: Library Homepage (click on) E-reserves > Electronic Reserves and Reserve Pages Irwin (RELS 298) or Coseru (PHIL 298) or Quinn (ANTH 319)

Requirements: The final grade will be based on the following assignments, three exams (each 20% = 60%), three 4-5 page interdisciplinary papers (each 10% = 30%), and participation in discussion groups, 10%. Students who miss more than 3 classes will be liable for a grade reduction or WF for excessive absences. Attendance of all classes is required for this course.

Honor Code: Lying, cheating, and plagiarism are violations of the Honor Code and are not permitted at the College. Cases of suspected academic dishonesty will be reported directly to the Dean of Students. A student responsible for academic dishonesty will receive a XF in the course, indicating failure based on dishonesty. Students should be aware that unauthorized collaboration – or working together on papers without permission -- is a form of cheating.

Disabilities: If you have a disability that qualifies you for academic accommodation, please present a letter your instructor from the Center for Disability Services at the beginning of the semester. Please inform us of any special needs you may have. For more information on the SNAP program, see: http://spinner.cofc.edu/~cds/?referrer=webcluster&
Grading Scale: Letter (or numerical) grades will be assigned as follows: A+ (100-97), A (96-93), A- (92-90), B+ (89-87), B (86-83), B- (82-80), C+ (79-77), C (76-73), C- (72-70), D+ (69-67), D (66-63), D- (62-61), F (60 or lower).

Reading Assignments: Reading assignments must be done BEFORE the class for which they are assigned, not after; then you can follow the lectures, ask questions, and we can have an informed dialogue during discussion sections.

I. Week One: January 11 (Irwin), 13 (Quinn), 15 (Coseru) Introduction to Disciplines
Reading Assignment, Irwin:

Reading Assignment, Quinn:

Reading Assignment, Coseru:

II. Week Two: January 18 [Martin Luther King Day, NO class] January 20, 22 (Irwin) Daoism and the Microcosmic Body
Reading Assignment, Irwin:
Jan 20: Eskildsen, pp. 57-94 “Cultivating Health and Longevity”

Reading Assignment, Irwin:
Jan 27 (Quinn) Christian Theory of the Body
Reading Assignment, Quinn:

Jan 29 Small Groups (PHIL in ECTR 116; RELS in ECTR 219; ANTH in BELL 207)

IV. Week Four: February 1, 3 (Quinn) Christian Theory of the Body
Reading Assignment, Quinn:

**Feb 1**: *Carnal Knowing* by Margaret R. Miles, Part II, Introduction and Chapter 3, pp. 81-116.

**Feb 3**: *Carnal Knowing* by Margaret R. Miles, Part II, Chapter 4, pp. 117-144.

**Feb 5**: Small Discussion Groups / Paper One Handout

V. Week Five: February 8, 10 (Coseru) Phenomenology and the Body

Reading Assignment, Coseru:

**Feb 8**: "The 'Sensation' as a Unit of Experience" (PP: 3-14); "Experience and Objective Thought" (PP: 77-83).

**Feb 10**: "The Body as Object and Mechanistic Physiology" (PP: 84-98); The Experience of the Body and Classical Psychology (PP: 103-111).

**Feb 12**: Small Discussion Groups / PAPER ONE DUE

VI. Week Six: February 15 (Coseru) Phenomenology and the Body

Reading Assignment, Coseru:

**Feb 15**: "The Spatiality of One's Body and Motility" (PP: 112-129); The Synthesis of One's Own Body (PP: 171-177).

**Feb 17**: Panel & Large Discussion Group, ECTR 116

**Feb 19**: EXAM ONE (PHIL, ECTR 116; RELS, ECTR 219; ANTH, BELL 207)

VII. Week Seven: February 22, 24 (Irwin) Daoist Theory of Mind

Reading Assignment, Irwin:

**Feb 22**: Eskildsen, pp. 21-56, "Cultivating Clarity and Purity" and "Asceticism"

**Feb 24**: Wong, pp. 59-89, "Cultivation" and "Energy Work"

**Feb 26**: Small Discussion Groups

VIII. Week Eight: March 1 (Irwin), Daoist Theory of Mind

Reading Assignment, Irwin:


Reading Assignment, Quinn: Christian Theory of Mind


**March 5**: Small Discussion Groups

Spring Break March 7-14

IX. Week Nine: March 15, 17 (Quinn) Christian Theory of Mind

Reading Assignment, Quinn:

**March 15 E-RES**: Owen C. Thomas, "Interiority and Christian Life" *Journal of*
X. Week Ten: March 22, 24 (Coseru) Phenomenology and the Mind-Body Problem

Reading Assignment

March 22: "The Theory of the Body is Already a Theory of Perception" (PP: 235-239);
"Sense Experience" (PP: 240-250).

March 26: Small Discussion Groups / PAPER TWO DUE

XI. Week Eleven: March 29 (Coseru) Phenomenology and the Mind-Body Problem

Reading Assignment, Coseru:

March 29: "Freedom" (PP: 504-514).
March 31: Panel & Large Discussion Group, ECTR 116

April 2: EXAM TWO (PHIL, ECTR 116; RELS, ECTR 219; ANTH, BELL 207)

XII. Week Twelve: April 5, 7 (Irwin) Daoist Theory of Spirit

Reading Assignment, Irwin:

April 5: Eskildsen, pp. 95-138, “Trance Phenomena” and “Miraculous Powers”
April 7: Wong, pp. 93-113, “Stillness and Movement” and “Nine Steps”
April 9: Small Group Discussion

XIII. Week Thirteen: April 12, 14 (Quinn) Christian Theory of Spirit

Reading Assignment, Quinn:

April 16: Small Group Discussion / Paper Three Handout

XIV. Week Fourteen: April 19, 21 (Coseru) Phenomenological and Buddhist Approaches to Consciousness

Reading Assignment, Coseru:

April 21 E-RES: B. Stevens, "Self in Space: Nishida Philosophy and the
Phenomenology of Maurice Merleau-Ponty” pp. 133-140.

April 23: Small Group Discussion / PAPER THREE DUE

XV. Week Fifteen: April 26 (Monday) Large Group Discussion, ECTR 116
Closing Statements, Irwin, Quinn, Coseru; final discussion.

FINAL EXAM (Take Home passed out April 26):
Due Friday April 30, 12:00-3:00, in department mailbox of your discussion instructor.