J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: PHI 260 **Credits:** 3

Course Title: Studies in Eastern Thinking

Course Description: Introduces an in-depth study of the East through a variety of approaches, which include music, literature, drama, and cinema. Places special emphasis on Chinese and Japanese philosophy and religion, especially Buddhism. Prerequisite: Placement into English 111 with no developmental co-requisites. Lecture 3 hours.

General Course Purpose: This course would provide a humanities elective for those interested in broadening their knowledge of the Far East.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:
Prerequisite: Must have tested into English 111 with no developmental co-requisites.

Course Objectives:
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:
a. Compare and contrast the origin and major characteristics of the major East Asian philosophies, including Confucianism, Taoism, Shintoism, and Buddhism.
b. Explain the major characteristics of the literature, drama, and cinema of these philosophies.

Major Topics to Be Included:
a. Confucianism
b. Taoism
c. Shintoism
d. Buddhism
e. Far Eastern literature, drama, and cinema

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: June 26, 2014