

Florida International University
 Dept. of Religious Studies
 RLG 5346: SEMINAR ON BUDDHISM
 Fall, 2014, semester
 Th, 11-12:15, CP 115

Textbook:

Bhikkhu Bodhi, trans., *In the Buddha's Words: An Anthology of Discourses from the Pali Canon* (Boston: Wisdom Publications, 2005).

Photocopy of Bhikkhu Bodhi, trans., *The All-Embracing Net of Views: The Brahmajala Sutta and Its Commentarial Exegesis* (Kandy: Buddhist Publication Society)

Recommended:

Nathan Katz, *Buddhist Images of Human Perfection: The Arahant of the Sutta Pitaka Compared with the Bodhisattva and the Mahasiddha* (Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 1989).

Russell Webb, *An Outline of the Pali Canon* (Kandy: Buddhist Publication Society)

8/28	Introduction to the seminar	
9/4	What is the Pali Canon?	Bodhi, 1-17
9/11	Brahmajala Sutta	BJ Sutta, entire
9/18	"The Human Condition" and "The Bringer of Light"	Bodhi, 17-40 Bodhi, 41-78
9/25	No seminar meeting	
10/2		
10/9	Library class 1 (GL 280)	
10/14	Library class 2 (GL 280)	Tuesday seminar meeting this week.
10/23	"Approaching the Dhamma" "The Happiness Visible..."	Bodhi, 79-104 Bodhi, 105-142
10/30	"The Way to a Fortunate Rebirth" "Deepening One's Perspective on the World"	Bodhi 143-180 Bodhi 101-220
11/6	"The Path to Liberation" "Mastering the Mind"	Bodhi 221-154 Bodhi, 255-298
11/13	"Shining the Light of Wisdom" "The Planes of	Bodhi 299-370 Bodhi 371-423

	Realization”	
11/20	4 paper talks	
11/27	No seminar meeting	
12/4	3 paper talks	
12/9	EXAM 10-11 a.m. (PC 443)	

Requirements:

1. Students will take the three undergraduate quizzes. Each is worth 10 points for a total of 30 possible points.
2. Each student will give one text report of 30 minutes and a paper talk of 10 minutes. 10 points each, 20 points total possible.
3. Each student will write a term paper using Pali materials. 50 points possible.