

Dharma Rain Zen Center – Seminary Class Spring 2017 Wisdom Sutras

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All of the teachers are available to meet to discuss the class outside of our class meeting time. Email any of us and we'd be happy to set up an appointment.

Required Texts

The Diamond Sutra: Text and Commentaries (2001) translated by Red Pine.
Published by Counterpoint Berkley

The Perfection of Wisdom in Eight Thousand Lines & Its Verse Summary (1973)
translated by Edward Conze. Published by Four Seasons Foundation – San Francisco.

Seminary Requirements

Here are the requirements in order to receive seminary credit for this class:

- Attend and participate in all classes.
- Submit five papers of 500-600 words in response to the readings.
- Offer a five-minute presentation for one of the classes (we will figure out a schedule during the 2nd or 3rd week of class). The presentation is meant to correspond to the readings for class on a particular week.
- Create a visual representation of *Prajnaparamita*. This is open-ended, it could be of the goddess, the text, the state of mind, or be evocative for experiencing the state of mind

Prajnaparamita Texts
Syllabus – Spring 2017

Class	Date	Text/s	Pages
1	3/7/17	General Introduction, Background, Context, Key Vocabulary	<i>Perfection of Wisdom</i> – Preface and Intro
2	3/14/17	<i>Perfection of Wisdom in 8000 Lines – Verse Summary (Ratnaguna)</i>	Preface and Intro Materials, pages ix – xix, Chapters I – XII pp 9 – 32
3	3/21/17	<i>Perfection of Wisdom in 8000 Lines – Verse Summary (Ratnaguna)</i>	Chapters XIII-XXXII (13-33), pp 33-71
4	3/28/17	Prajnaparamita as Bodhisattva	(start reading <i>Ashta</i> of <i>Perfection of Wisdom</i>) Ch I – VI, pp 83-134
5	4/4/17	<i>Perfection of Wisdom in 8000 Lines – Prose (Ashta)</i>	Chapters VII – XIV pp 135-187
6	4/11/17	<i>Perfection of Wisdom in 8000 Lines – Prose (Ashta)</i>	Chapters XV – XXII (15-22), pp 188-241
7	4/18/17	<i>Heart Sutra</i>	Start <i>Diamond Sutra</i> -Red Pine pp 1-56
8	4/25/17	<i>Heart Sutra</i>	<i>Diamond Sutra</i> pp 57-140
9	5/2/17	<i>The Diamond Sutra</i> (Red Pine)	<i>Diamond Sutra</i> pp 141-85
10	5/9/17	<i>The Diamond Sutra</i> (Red Pine)	<i>Diamond Sutra</i> pp 286-435