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Tibetan Buddhism (Religion 324)

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GUIDELINES FOR FINAL PAPERS: READ CAREFULLY

1. Students must choose a paper topic related to **Tibetan Buddhism** in consultation with the instructor. Please e-mail (japple@rel.as.ua.edu) your proposed paper topic to me or we may discuss paper topics during office hours or by appointment. Papers topics are due by October 20.
2. All **final papers are due** at the beginning of class **Friday, December 5**. If you have any questions please contact me immediately.
3. The body of the paper should be **between 2000 and 3500 words**. Use your word processor to count the number of words (in MS Word, see the “Tools” menu). **DO NOT** count footnotes and bibliography in the word count. To count only the body of the paper, highlight the body and then do the word count.
4. Unless you receive special permission, your paper should be based on research involving at least **three sources** not used in class. Resources that you use ***must be listed in a bibliography***. This **may** include books used in the course. **No web-based resources will be accepted; instead, you must use textual resources in Gorgas library**. I recommend that your *preliminary* research begin with the *Encyclopedia of Religion*, *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, and the *Harper Collins Dictionary of Religion*, all of which are found in the Gorgas Library reference section (on the first floor). Remember to be critical: to put it simply, not all you read is “true.”
5. The final paper will be graded on style, composition, and descriptive accuracy. The paper should be written in a “scholarly” style employing either the MLA or Turabian formats for documentation. Consult the English Writing Center in person at 125 Morgan Hall or at their website, www.as.ua.edu/english/ugrad/wr_ctr.htm, for any formatting matters related to punctuation, grammar, and so forth.
6. The conventions for formatting are as follows: 12 point *proportional* font (Times New Roman or Arial are preferred); letter-size paper; **1-inch** margins on sides, top and bottom; double-spaced text; **no** additional spaces between paragraphs. Please **include page numbers** on your paper and your name in the header on each page. **The paper must include a title page.**
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