

**LTWL 135**

# **The Buddhist Imaginary**

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This class provides an introduction to Buddhist thought and practice. The material will be treated thematically — e.g., the connection between cosmological models and liberative practices; the conflict/symbiosis of wisdom and compassion; renunciation vs. accumulation of wealth — and temporally — the movement from early Buddhism to Mahayana to Tantra. Our sources will be Buddhist narrative and doctrinal literatures, supplemented by archaeological and art historical artifacts. Two papers and a final exam.

**Section # 810449   Tuesdays/Thursdays 6:30pm-7:50pm in WLH 2207**