The Perfection of Wisdom: The Heart and Diamond Sutras

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- Dates and Times: Sept. 6th - Sept. 20th, Tuesdays, 9:30 am—12:45 pm
- Location: Remote Course
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Heart Sutra and the Diamond Sutra are two of the shortest and most beloved texts from the mind-boggling “Perfection of Wisdom” literature, which has both inspired and confused readers for two thousand years. Fundamental to the “Great Vehicle” (Mahayana) form of Buddhism, these scriptures revel in apparent contradictions and insist that reality is inconceivable; they encourage the open-ended proliferation and rearticulation of Buddhist teachings as adaptations to the needs of diverse beings, rather than as revelations of anything ultimately true.

REQUIRED TEXTS


Students can purchase books at the Gleacher Center Bookstore online at https://chicagobooth.bncollege.com/shop/chicagobooth/page/find-textbooks using the Textbook order form, or by using the ISBN number to order the correct edition elsewhere.
## WEEKLY READING SCHEDULE

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<td><em>Heart Sutra</em> (pp. 3-7); <em>Diamond Sutra</em> sections 1-8 (pp. 11-22)</td>
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