## Buddha Nature in Hinayana, Mahayana and Vajrayana Buddhism

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## **Syllabus**

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## **Course Outline**

- Overview of class
- Definition of Buddha Nature in Buddhism
- Hinayana (Theravadin) Buddhism: First Turning of the Wheel
  - o Geographic Locations of Hinayana Buddhism
  - Main Teachings and Practices of Hinayana Buddhism
  - o Goals of Hinayana Buddhism
- Mahayana Buddhism: Second Turning of the Wheel
  - o Geographic Locations of Mahayana Buddhism
  - o Main Teachings and Practices of Mahayana Buddhism
  - o Goals of Mahayana Buddhism
- Vajrayana Buddhism: Third Turning of the Wheel
  - o Geographic Locations and Spread of Vajrayana Buddhism
  - o Main Teachings and Practices of Vajrayana Buddhism
  - Goals of Vajrayana Buddhism
- Summary

The instructor encourages participation throughout the course via the chat feature in the teaching environment.