

DHARMA FIELD MEDITATION AND LEARNING CENTER

# Rise of the Mahayana II

## Syllabus

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### Class 1

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brief review | ancient China: basics | early Chinese Mahayana schools

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### Class 2

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lineage | Bodhidharma | Ch'an & Taoism | Hui-neng

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### Class 3

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the "conflict" of Northern & Southern Schools  
The Five Schools | biographies of significant Chinese Ch'an ancestors

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### Class 4

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Soto & Rinzai | introduction to koans  
Chinese Ch'an ancestor biographies: men & women

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### Class 5

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ancient Japan: basics | Eihei Dogen Zenji: the early years

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### Class 6

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Dogen Zenji: Soto Zen to Japan | *Shobogenzo* & other writings  
Dogen's early descendents