

COURSE DETAIL

TAOISM AND THE CHINESE TRADITION

Country

Hong Kong

Host Institution

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)

Program(s)

Hong Kong Summer, HKUST

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

110

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

TAOISM AND THE CHINESE TRADITION

UCEAP Transcript Title

TAOISM CHINA TRADTN

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

Course Description

This course is taught in Putonghua and requires that students be able to read Chinese. Taoism is a major philosophical tradition in China. It plays an important role in the shaping of the minds of the Chinese people, and has great impact on the formation of Chinese culture. It is still a living tradition influencing the way of life of many people, regardless of whether it is being practiced consciously or being submerged into the unconscious of the Chinese mass. This course introduces Taoism as a philosophy of life. Emphasis, however, is on Lao Tzu and Chuang Tzu, the two most significant figures of Taoism. While some scholarly researches on them will be introduced, the primary texts of the Lao Tzu and Chuang Tzu are the foci for explanation and discussion in class. It is believed that an understanding of these basic materials provides students with a solid foundation to comprehend the Taoist philosophy in its originality. The course offers an introduction to Neo-Taoism, as the development of early Taoism, if time allows.

Language(s) of Instruction**Host Institution Course Number**

HUMA3810

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Host Institution Campus**Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department**

Humanities