COURSE DETAIL

BUDDHISM AND CHINESE CULTURE
Country Hong Kong
Host Institution University of Hong Kong
Program(s) University of Hong Kong
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Religious Studies
UCEAP Course Number 25
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title BUDDHISM AND CHINESE CULTURE
UCEAP Transcript Title BUDDHISM & CHINA
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description
This course examines Chinese culture and its Buddhist influence and impact. For over two thousand years, Buddhism has interacted with all levels of Chinese culture such as literature, philosophy, mores and behavioral norms, arts and architecture, and religions of all classes. As a result, Buddhism has become one of the three pillars of traditional Chinese culture and its influence is seen in many aspects and at all levels of Chinese culture. The course introduces Chinese culture and Chinese people's way of life and belief through historical analysis, and theoretical enquiries into the key aspects of China's long interaction and exchange with Buddhism. The course studies the open attitude of both Buddhism and Confucianism as a basis for integration and mutual assimilation. Course topics include: Buddhist impact on Chinese culture; intellectual exchange between Buddhism and Chinese culture; Buddhist and Chinese attitude to life; Buddhist and Chinese ethics of filial piety; Buddhism and Chinese visual art; Chan and Chinese culture; Buddhist influence on Chinese language; Buddhist influence on Chinese literature; Buddhist influence on religions and popular beliefs; Guanyin belief in Chinese life; Ullambana (ghost) Festival and Chinese ancestor worship.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
CCCH9018

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Host Institution Campus

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