

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

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Common Core: China

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