

# COURSE DETAIL

## POISONS

**Country**

Hong Kong

**Host Institution**

University of Hong Kong

**Program(s)**

University of Hong Kong

**UCEAP Course Level**

Lower Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Biochemistry

**UCEAP Course Number**

59

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

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**UCEAP Quarter Units**

5.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.30

## **Course Description**

The course addresses the concept of poisoning from several perspectives, including the basic principles of posology, which is concerned with dosage and is the foundation of toxicology. The basic concepts of poisoning are illustrated with simple clinical examples such as specific human organ toxicities related to drugs, household poisons, plant and animal sources of poisons, food poisoning and seafood poisoning. In addition, examples of poisoning in Hong Kong are explored from a historical and legal perspective. The psychology of poisoning is explored with examples that highlight precautions needed to ensure safe handling of toxic materials. Finally, the course develops a thread of common metaphors, symbolism and other associations used to describe poisons in cinema, late Victorian and early 20th century detective fiction, and other historical references.

## **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

## **Host Institution Course Number**

CCST9059

## **Host Institution Course Title**

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## **Host Institution Course Details**

## **Host Institution Campus**

## **Host Institution Faculty**

## **Host Institution Degree**

## **Host Institution Department**

Common Core: Scientific and Technological Literacy

## **Course Last Reviewed**

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