

COURSE DETAIL

MOHISM

Country

Hong Kong

Host Institution

University of Hong Kong

Program(s)

University of Hong Kong

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

107

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

MOHISM

UCEAP Transcript Title

MOHISM

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

The Mohists were the first Chinese philosophers to attempt to develop systematic ethical and political theories and arguments. They came to advocate a Way that, they thought, best promoted benefit and reduced harm. It called for an end to warfare, inclusive moral attitudes, moderation in social expenditure, a rejection of traditional ritual extravagance, and conformity in moral judgment. In defending this Way, the Mohists developed a philosophical vocabulary that became fundamental to early Chinese philosophy. This course examines Mohist writings and some Confucian and Daoist responses to them. Course topics include: the role of government and the justification of political authority; the integration of particular relationships within universalist moral frameworks; the demands of ethics, especially of ethical or political views according to which the current state of things is massively unjust; the nature of consequentialism; and Mohist ideas about language, knowledge, and argument.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

PHIL2445

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Philosophy

Course Last Reviewed

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