

## 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

MOHISM

## Host Institution Campus

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

Philosophy

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