

COURSE DETAIL

CONTEMPORARY BUDDHISM

Country

China

Host Institution

Fudan University

Program(s)

Fudan University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

122

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CONTEMPORARY BUDDHISM

UCEAP Transcript Title

MAHAYANA BUDDHISM

UCEAP Quarter Units

3.50

UCEAP Semester Units

2.30

Course Description

This course introduces the Mahayana Buddhist doctrine, with a focus on the Indian origins and East Asian (Chinese) traditions, while Central Asian (Tibetan) traditions are selectively covered. Buddhism in this course is studied mainly as a religious-intellectual tradition. Thus, basic ideas in Mahayana theories of spiritual cultivation and soteriology are examined. Topics such as the patterns of religious practice and cultivation, images of Enlightened Being (Buddha), types of ideal religious personality; concepts of Buddha-Nature (tathagatagarbha), Enlightenment, Pure-lands, knowledge and virtues are discussed. Various issues are reviewed in the context of the Hinayana vs Mahayana contrast. The continuity and differences between both traditions are studied. Please Notice that, other than the required readings, additional supplementary materials will be delivered to the class through email. Lecture is the main pattern of teaching, while class discussion is also essential.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

PHIL130120

Host Institution Course Title

MAHAYANA BUDDHISM

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Philosophy

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