

COURSE DETAIL

MORAL PSYCHOLOGY IN THE CHINESE TRADITION

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 Asian Studies

UCEAP Course Number

104

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

MORAL PSYCHOLOGY IN THE CHINESE TRADITION

UCEAP Transcript Title

CHINESE MORAL PSYCH

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

This course explores and evaluates early Chinese philosophers' answers to questions of morals, ethics, philosophy, and psychology as presented in selected early Chinese philosophical texts related to people's nature, motivation, moral cultivation, moral reasoning, and action. Topics discussed include: people's typical moral dispositions; morally relevant features of people's nature (xing); the role of the heart (xin) in guiding action; the role of desire, emotion, and normative judgment in motivation and action; methods of moral education and training; the nature and function of virtue; and the structure of action. The course focuses on four major texts—Mozi, Mengzi, Xunzi, and Zhuangzi—and devotes much attention to how these texts criticize and respond to each other's views. Comparisons and contrasts with major Western thinkers such as Aristotle, Hume, and Kant are drawn.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

PHIL2470

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Philosophy

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