

COURSE DETAIL

THE SILK ROAD: A GLOBAL HISTORY	
Country	China
Host Institution	Peking University, Beijing
Program(s)	Peking University
UCEAP Course Level	Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s)	History
UCEAP Course Number	123
UCEAP Course Suffix	
UCEAP Official Title	THE SILK ROAD: A GLOBAL HISTORY
UCEAP Transcript Title	SILK ROAD HISTORY
UCEAP Quarter Units	3.00
UCEAP Semester Units	2.00

Course Description

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the cultural and material exchanges among the major civilizations along the Silk Road. It covers the period between the 2nd and the 15th centuries, during which the forces wielded by the Persians, Chinese, Greeks, Indians, Arabs and Mongols shaped the geopolitical landscape of the vast region that spreads from the Caspian Sea to the Gobi Desert. The course explores the role of the Silk Road in the formation of the religious and ethnic identities of these civilizations, as well as their perceptions towards one other. Through the study of refreshing and up-to-date visual and course readings, the students will explore crosscultural phenomenon such as Sogdian burial practice, Arab accounts of Tang China, Nestorian Christianity at the Mongol court, and influence of Marco Polo in the Latin West. The course begins and concludes with discussion of the contemporary significance of the Silk Road as a historical category.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

2132600

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