COURSE DETAIL

BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY FOR BEGINNERS
Country China
Host Institution Fudan University
Program(s) Fudan University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Philosophy Asian Studies
UCEAP Course Number 136
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY FOR BEGINNERS
UCEAP Transcript Title BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

This course is an introduction to Buddhist thought, its Indian origins, and all three scriptural traditions including Southeast Asian Pali, East Asian Chinese, and Central Asian Tibetan. It explores the basics of Buddhist philosophy, religious doctrine, religious practices such as meditation, and Buddhism as an institutional religion in a Buddhist community. The course touches on the function and role of the Buddhist monastery in traditional Buddhist society and studies Buddhism both as a textual-philosophical tradition and a live religion. Other topics include early Buddhism's doctrines of non-substance and dependant-arising, Mahayana physical concepts of emptiness, conceptualization only, Buddhist ideas of knowledge and cognition, comparing the soteriological projects between Hinayana and Mahayana, and others.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
PHIL110029,GEEC10346

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Host Institution Campus

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Philosophy

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