

# 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**

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**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. Texts: W. Rahula, WHAT THE BUDDHA TAUGHT; P. Williams, MAHAYANA BUDDHISM; P. Williams, BUDDHIST THOUGHT: A COMPLETE INTRODUCTION TO THE INDIAN TRADITION. Assessment: term paper (50%), final exam (50%).

## **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

## **Host Institution Course Number**

PHIL110029

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## **Host Institution Course Details**

## **Host Institution Campus**

## **Host Institution Faculty**

## **Host Institution Degree**

## **Host Institution Department**

Philosophy

## **Course Last Reviewed**

2023-2024

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