

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. 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

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Philosophy

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