# **COURSE DETAIL**

4.50

3.00

**UCEAP Semester Units** 

# **INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY Country** China **Host Institution** Peking University, Beijing Program(s) **Peking University UCEAP Course Level Lower Division UCEAP Subject Area(s)** Philosophy **UCEAP Course Number** 11 **UCEAP Course Suffix UCEAP Official Title** INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY **UCEAP Transcript Title** INTRO TO PHILOSOPHY **UCEAP Quarter Units**

### **Course Description**

An Introduction to Philosophy This course aims at being an introduction to the way of philosophical thinking through a close reading of Plato's Republic and other classical philosophical texts. The course will introduce the students to the major topics, problems, concepts and approaches of philosophy by following the lead of Socrates to examine the ways of life. In addition, the course will provide a preliminary training of reading, arguing and writing in the philosophical way. Introduction: philosophy as a way of life Republic I: Justice, the failure of the definition Republic II: The founding of a just city? Republic III: Education of the Guardians Republic IV: From city to Soul Republic V: Three Waves Republic VI: the way to philosophy Republic VII: the ladder of learnings Republic VIII: degenerate cities Republic IX: Tyrant Republic X: the Myth of Er Mencius I: Justice and advantages Mencius II: Beyond Altruism and Egoism Mencius III: Ataraxia Mencius IV: Natural Goodness Great Learning

## Language(s) of Instruction

Chinese

# **Host Institution Course Number**

02330003

#### **Host Institution Course Title**

INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

## **Host Institution Campus**

**Peking University** 

# **Host Institution Faculty**

## **Host Institution Degree**

## **Host Institution Department**

Philosophy

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