

## COURSE DETAIL

### STUDIES IN THE TRANS-MEDITERRANEAN HISTORY OF IDEAS

**Country**

Egypt

**Host Institution**

American University in Cairo

**Program(s)**

The American University in Cairo

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Philosophy

**UCEAP Course Number**

150

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

TRANS-MED HIST IDEA

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

## Course Description

This course mainly investigates questions and problems related to theories of human nature and ethics and their interconnectedness. It covers works by key figures in the Classical and Post-Classical periods of Islamic Philosophy including Avicenna, Averroes, Ibn 'Arabi, al-Ījī and al-Dawwānī, and by figures in Modern and Enlightenment philosophy including Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, Kant and Hegel. Among the main themes the course tackles is the relationship between mind and body and its implications for understanding good and evil as ethical categories in the two traditions, examining the convergences and divergences among them.

Methodologically, the class combines both a thematic approach focusing on the main themes in philosophy of mind and its connection with key ethical problems with a historical approach investigating the historical development of these themes and their moral implications. This course is offered to both graduate and undergraduate students with distinct assessment requirements for each; this represents the undergraduate version of the course.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

PHIL 5104

### 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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