

COURSE DETAIL

CHINESE BUDDHISM AND RITUAL

Country

Hong Kong

Host Institution

University of Hong Kong

Program(s)

University of Hong Kong

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Religious Studies

UCEAP Course Number

120

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CHINESE BUDDHISM AND RITUAL

UCEAP Transcript Title

CHINESE BUDDHISM

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

This course examines an introduction to Buddhist ritual practice in Chinese Buddhism from the perspectives of their psychological, religious and spiritual significance. It begins by exploring several theories and research methods of ritual adopted in anthropology and religious studies and proceeds to studies of the doctrinal, mythic and other dimensions of Buddhist practice, examining the structural patterns of various rituals, surveying the different categories of ceremonies, and analyzing the most important types of rituals, including the recitation of sutras (scriptures) and mantras, funeral ritual, ritual of liberation of living animals, and the ritual of saving all sentient beings from water and land (shuilu fahui) are examined in some detail. The focus of concerns will be the effort of ritual experiences on individual enlightenment, effect of ritual, and the expression of participants' understanding of Buddhist teaching.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

BSTC2004

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Buddhist Studies

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