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
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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

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