COURSE DETAIL

BUDDHIST MONASTICISM ACROSS TIME AND PLACE
Country United Kingdom - Scotland
Host Institution University of Edinburgh
Program(s) University of Edinburgh
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Religious Studies
UCEAP Course Number 105
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title BUDDHIST MONASTICISM ACROSS TIME AND PLACE
UCEAP Transcript Title BUDDHIST MONASTICSM
UCEAP Quarter Units 8.00
UCEAP Semester Units 5.30

Course Description

This course covers the journey of Buddhist monasticism from ancient India to modern Europe and America through a range of texts, including canonical literature and poems and autobiographies of monks and nuns. The course discusses how a disciplined life and living in a community can enable ethical transformations. Although some of the earliest Buddhist texts advocated strict celibacy, most of the Buddhist communities in subsequent centuries adopted a form of monasticism and priesthood that allowed for families. The course explores the social changes, ethical and philosophical ideas that led to the acceptance of families in Buddhist monasticism. Additionally, the course examines how monasticism, with or without celibacy, influences the ethical development of individuals who choose one or the other form of life.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
DIVI10116

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Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
School of Divinity

Host Institution Degree

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