

# 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**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

BUDDHIST MONASTICISM

**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

DIV10116

### Host Institution Course Title

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### Host Institution Campus

### Host Institution Faculty

School of Divinity

### Host Institution Degree

### Host Institution Department

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