

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 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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