

# COURSE DETAIL

## INTRODUCTION TO BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY

**Country**

China

**Host Institution**

Fudan University

**Program(s)**

Fudan University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Asian Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

105

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

INTRODUCTION TO BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

INTRO BUDDHIST PHIL

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.50

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.00

## Course Description

This course uses a historical narrative—with an introductory text and lectures—to survey the history of Buddhism from the origin to the rise of major forms of Buddhism in India and further developments in Southeast Asia, East Asia, and the Tibetan cultural regions. Reading assignment will balance primary sources from the key moments of Buddhist history and thought and secondary scholarship. A major theme that we keep coming back to will be the development of Buddhist philosophy and theology as represented by major schools of Indian, Chinese, and Tibetan Buddhism. The course will also introduce students to wider facets of Asian Buddhist cultures by looking at aspects of Buddhist scriptures, literature, art, ritual and meditation, translation, and other cultural practices. The course is designed to help students sharpen their academic skills in reading, critical thinking, and creative writing and to prepare them for more advanced work in Buddhist studies, Buddhist philosophy, and religious studies.

Course Requirements: • Finishing assigned readings before meetings, regular attendance, and active contribution to discussion • A paper presentation (30 minutes) on an assigned topic (voluntary) • Essay ("Take-Home-Exam"). Teaching Methods: Lecture will be combined with prepared discussion of assigned readings and paper presentations

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

PHIL110029

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### Host Institution Course Details

### Host Institution Campus

**Host Institution Faculty**

Eberhard Guhe

**Host Institution Degree****Host Institution Department**

School of Philosophy

**Course Last Reviewed**

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