

COURSE DETAIL

CHINESE PAINTING APPRECIATION AND STUDIO PRAXIS

Country

China

Host Institution

Peking University, Beijing

Program(s)

Peking University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Art Studio

UCEAP Course Number

125

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CHINESE PAINTING APPRECIATION AND STUDIO PRAXIS

UCEAP Transcript Title

CHINESE PAINTING

UCEAP Quarter Units

3.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.00

Course Description

This course is designed for beginners or students with a basic understanding of Chinese painting. The focus of the course is traditional Chinese landscape (Shanshui) painting, with a particular emphasis on classical works from the Song dynasty onwards. Following the tradition of “learning from ancient masters and observing nature,” the course primarily involves the practice of copying (i.e., ‘emulating’ linmo) classic paintings. Additionally, we will introduce and analyze the relevant theories and aesthetic principles behind these works. Through systematic explanations and practical exercises, the aim is to help students understand the materials and media used in Chinese painting and grasp the basic techniques and compositional principles of renowned landscape paintings, such as those found in the Mustard Seed Garden Manual of Painting or other classics. Through creative practice, students will experience the “interconnectedness of brush, ink, wrist, and mind,” thus gaining initial insights into the fundamental practices of Chinese painting and the core aesthetic principles of landscape painting and its techniques. Ultimately, this course aims to enhance students’ artistic cultivation and aesthetic appreciation of Chinese painting.

Language(s) of Instruction

Chinese

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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