

**PHIL5531 Topics in Buddhist Philosophy:
Buddhism against Indian and Chinese Philosophies**

Course Outline

Mode of Teaching: Face-to-face Teaching

Term: 2024-25 Term 2

Time : Monday 18:30-21:30

Location : WMY 305

Course overview (as shown on CUSIS)

What is reality? How do we know? How shall we exist? This course intends to explore the rich sources of Buddhist philosophical traditions. Topics include emptiness and negation, theories of mind, language and perception. Attention will be given to their relevance to the contemporary discussions in Western philosophy. Readings include basic works of Abhidharma, Madhyamaka, Yogacara and Pramanavada. This semester we'll focus on the debates between Buddhism and Indian as well as Chinese philosophical schools.

Topics/Schedule (Tentative)

一半內容為佛教與中國哲學派別如儒、道的論戰

主要讀物為《牟子理惑論》《笑道論》等

另一半內容為佛教與印度哲學派別如數論、勝論、彌漫差派的論評

主要讀物為《攝真實論》等

Learning outcomes (as shown on CUSIS)

1. Acquire knowledge of the selected topics of the course.
2. Have a solid grasp of the philosophical issues of the selected topics of the course.
3. Demonstrate familiarity with the primary/secondary source texts.
4. Be able to articulate and defend a philosophical thesis of their own

Learning activities

Lectures

Discussions

Presentation

Essay writing

Assessment scheme

Task nature	Description	Weight
Essays		60%
Others		40%

Remarks on Assessment Scheme (if any)

Grade Descriptor

Please refer to: http://phil.arts.cuhk.edu.hk/~phidept/UG/Grade_descriptors.pdf

Details of course website

Relevant announcements and course documents will be posted on Blackboard.

Recommended learning resources (Tentative)

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