The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Division of Humanities

HUMA5840: Chinese Buddhism

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Course Description:

This course aims at a survey of the fundamental issues in Chinese Buddhism. Through the selection and discussion of some important texts of significant schools of Chinese Buddhism, namely, the Three Treatise school, the Consciousness-only school, the T`ien-tai school, the Hua-yen school, the Ch`an school, and some philosophical debates in the modern period, students are expected to familiarize themselves with the main doctrines and arguments of the Chinese Buddhist philosophy. It is also expected that a comprehensive understanding of the selected materials will provide a solid foundation for students to have further research on the subjects concerned.

Intended Learning Outcomes:

On completion of this course, students will: 1. have basic knowledge of the philosophies of some important schools and philosophical debates in Chinese Buddhism that enables them to have further research on the subject; 2. be familiar with the secondary source on the topic they have chosen for their term paper; 3. acquire basic technique in giving a oral academic presentation and writing an academic paper; 4. be able to evaluate and apply the philosophies they have learnt to reflect upon their own lives and behavior.

Schedule of Seminars (tentative):

Week 1-2 Introduction: The History and Basic Doctrines of Buddhism

3 Seven Early Buddhist Schools

Reading: 吉藏,《中觀論疏》選

4-5 Seng-chao's Doctrine of Reality

Reading: 僧肇, <物不遷論>

6-7 The Three-treatise School

Readings: 吉藏,《二諦章》及《三論玄義》選

8-9 The Consciousness-only School

Reading: 玄奘,《成唯識論》選

10 The T'ien-t'ai School

Readings: 慧思,《大乘止觀法門》選 湛然, <始終心要>

11 The Hua-yen School (I)

Readings: 法藏,<金師子章> 《華嚴經義海百門》選

12 The Hua-yen School (II)

Readings: 法藏,〈華嚴一乘教義分齊章〉選 牟宗三,〈賢首言六相:相即無相〉 馮耀明,〈六相圓融的問題〉

13 The Ch'an School

Readings:《六祖壇經》選 《神會語錄》選 《鎮州臨濟慧照禪師語錄》選

Texts:

陳榮捷編著. 《中國哲學文獻選編》. 上、下冊. 台北: 巨流圖書公司, 1993. 陈荣捷编著。《中国哲学文献选编》。江苏教育, 2006。

Wing-tsit Chan. A Source Book in Chinese Philosophy. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1969.

牟宗三. 《現象與物自身》. 台北: 學生書局, 1975, pp. 380-391. 香港科技大學人文學部主編. 《邏輯思想與語言哲學》. 台北: 學生書局, 1997, pp. 40-44.

Evaluation:

- 1. Attendance and participation in discussion 15%
- 2. Presentation 25%
- 3. Paper 60%