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:**

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### **Evaluation:**

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

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