### R.P. 1130 Philosophical Issues in Modern (3,2,1) Science

#### 現代科學的哲學課題

This course aims to provide an introduction to various philosophical issues in mathematics and physical science. It also aims at offering philosophical reflection on and clarification of certain important concepts employed in mathematics and physical science. Concepts in science like measurement, force, time, space and causality will be discussed and clarified. Students will be encouraged to think critically and arrive at their own conclusions about the issues considered rationally.

本科目旨在介紹在數學和自然科學中的不同哲學課題,並對數學和自然科學經常運用的一些重要概念如測量、力、時間、空間、因果關係等,作出哲學上的討論和釐清。課程將鼓勵學生批判地思考有關課題,從而得出個人的結論。

### R.P. 1140 Philosophy and the Meaning of Life (3,2,1) 哲學與人生意義

The course begins with a broad investigation of the philosophical mind and its quest for meaning and value. It then proceeds to the examination of major questions about goodness, suffering, death and hope that have both fascinated and perplexed humanity through the ages and are at the origin and the centre of philosophical investigation. Taking up the challenge they present to all searching for a meaningful and unified life, well lived, the course will connect individual life experiences and existential concerns with the great traditions of thought.

本科會廣泛地探索哲學家對意義與價值的追尋,接著會考量有關 美善、苦難、死亡與盼望等主要問題,這些問題一直使人類迷 惘,且自哲學出現之初已有,並且是哲學探索的中心。本科會將 個人的人生體驗和存在關懷連起來,去認識這些問題帶來的挑 戰,以及如何影響我們對一個整全人生的意義的追尋。

### R.P. 1150 Philosophy of Life in Existentialism (3,2,1) 存在主義人生哲學

This course is a study of the existentialists' quest for understanding human life and existence. It begins with the introduction to the philosophical movement of existentialism: its historical background and its distinctive features in contrast with other kinds of philosophy. Then the thought of the major existentialists will be introduced and critically assessed. Finally, major themes about human existence, which are discussed by the existentialists, will be systematically explored.

本科目研究存在主義者對人生及人類存在的思考。課程首先會介紹存在主義這哲學運動:其歷史背景,及對比其他哲學而言其獨有之特質;然後會解釋及批判地評估主要存在主義者的思想。最後,課程會系統化地探討存在主義者所論及關於人類存在的主要課題。

# R.P. 1160 Philosophy of Life in Laozi and (3,2,1) Zhuangzi 老莊人生哲學

This course introduces students to Laozi and Zhuangzi's philosophies of life. Through studying representative pieces from the text of *Dao De Jing* and *Zhuangzi*, the students will be encouraged to seek understanding of the wisdom and the contemporary significance of Laozi and Zhuangzi's works. Students will also be encouraged to think critically and arrive at their own conclusions about the relevant issues in philosophy of life

本科目介紹老子和莊子的人生哲學。主要透過研習《道德經》及 《莊子》,鼓勵學生從老、莊著作中,去考探其智慧及其對當代 社會之影響。課程亦會鼓勵學生批判地思考人生哲學中相關的課 題,從而得出個人的結論。

#### R.P. 1170 Philosophy of Life in the Postmodern (3,2,1) Age 後現代人生哲學

This course is a study of the philosophy of life in the postmodern age. It begins with the introduction to the rise of postmodernity: the nature of Enlightenment rationalism and its influence on modernity, and the problems with modernity. Then the general features of the postmodern culture—e.g. mass media,

consumerism, relativistic outlook—will be outlined. Next, the ideas of the major postmodernists like Foucault will be critically discussed. Finally, the major issues about human existence and society in the postmodern age will be systematically explored.

本科目會探究後現代時期的人生哲學。課程首先會介紹後現代時期的興起:啟蒙理性主義的本質和其對現代的影響,以及現代的種種問題;然後會勾劃後現代文化的一般特徵(如大眾傳媒、消費文化、相對主義),和批判地評估主要後現代主義者(如福柯)的思想。最後,課程會系統化地探討後現代時期與人類生存及社會相關的主要課題。

### R.P. 1180 Religion and Modern Science (3,2,1) 宗教與現代科學

This course is a study of the complex interplay between science and the Christian religion. It begins with an invitation to the perennial problem of truth and reality in science and religion and then an overview of their relations in history. Emphasis will be placed on issues concerned with the interaction between modern science and the Christian religion, in particular the implications of modern science for Christian faith.

本科目探索科學與基督宗教之間千絲萬縷的關係。在課程開始時,講師會激發同學思考一個千古難題——是科學與宗教對真理與實在之追尋,然後會概覽它們在歷史中的相互關係。重點將放在現代科學與基督宗教的互動所帶出的議題,特別是現代科學對基督教信仰之涵義。

### R.P. 1190 Science, Technology and Society (3,2,1) 科學、技術與社會

This course uses an interdisciplinary approach to arouse students to the important interactions and issues between science and technology on the one side, and the global society on the other. Students will be introduced to the key role science and technology have played in globalization. The emphasis of this course lies mainly with the impact scientific and technological development has on morality and values, and how would such development affects the future of humankind and the world. With reference to concrete cases, this course would also explore the endeavour of science and technology in the modernization of the Third World. 本科目以跨學科方式,導引學生去認識當今全球化社會中,科學 與技術發展所帶來之各式各樣互動及議題。學生將被引導去認識 科學與技術在全球化中扮演之關鍵性先鋒角色。本科重點將放在 科學與技術發展對價值觀及倫理所帶來之衝擊,及其如何影響人 類與世界之將來。通過具體個案,本科也將探討第三世界以科學 及技術為其現代化而奮鬥之努力。

### R.P. 1200 The Art of Thinking and Living (3,2,1) 思考與人生

This course aims to help students to come to some understanding of the complex interplay between thinking critically and living happily. Using the basic principles of the art of thinking as background, the course explores the major problems arising in the context of one's reflecting on how to lead a good or happy life. Themes such as wealth, fame, friendship, love, death and the meaning of life will be discussed. Students will be encouraged to appreciate how to use the basic principles of critical thinking to tackle the problems arising throughout the discussions.

本科目旨在幫助同學們了解批判思考與美好生活的深刻相互關係。本課程以思考的藝術為基本背景,探索各種重要的人生哲學問題,該等問題與美好的人生有非常密切的關係。課程中將會討論之主題包括財富、名譽、友誼、愛情、死亡、生命意義,等等。本科鼓勵學生在課程研討中,以批判思考的基本原則去思考有關問題。

#### R.P. 1210 The Story of Chinese Philosophy (3,2,1) 中國哲學史話

This course introduces the origin and development of major philosophical themes in the traditional schools of Chinese philosophy such as Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism and Mohism. While providing a survey of the history and interrelationships between main streams of Chinese thought from Confucius to the modern period, the course also presents to students some critical assessments of these trends. In the course of discussions some attention will also be given to sub-

traditions such as the teachings of Gongsun Long and Hui Shi, as well as some of the new doctrines developed by Neo-Daoists, Chinese Buddhists and Neo-Confucians, and the criticisms raised by some modern Chinese philosophers. By this means students will be provided with broad historical accounts to the background and development of the problems addressed in various Chinese philosophical traditions.

本科目旨在介紹中國哲學的主要學派如儒家、道家、佛家及墨家的哲學理論。此外,本課程亦嘗試為有關學派由先秦到現代的發展和它們之間的相互關係提供一綜合論述。除了以上所提及之中國主流思想學說外,本課程亦會論及其他哲學學派如公孫龍子及惠施的哲學思想,藉此為學生提供一較廣博之背景,使他們得以了解中國哲學的精神。

#### R.P. 1220 The Story of Western Philosophy (3,2,1) 西方哲學史話

This course introduces a selection of major thinkers in the Western philosophical tradition and the primary issues and problems they grappled with. The emphasis will be on showing the continuity between the various philosophers and the connections between their respective solutions to the problems under consideration. Students will be encouraged to see each thinker in context and thereby to apply the various strategies considered to their own situation, in order to develop a unique "philosophical story" of their own.

本科目介紹一系列西方哲學傳統中的主要思想家,及他們所著力處理的基本課題和難題。重點為展示不同哲學家在思想上的連貫性發展,及他們為解決那些難題而提出的答案間之相互關連。本科鼓勵學生在有關脈絡中考探每位思想家及其思想,並應用從中學到的不同策略來考察他們自身的處境,從而發展個人獨一無二之「哲學史話」。

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This course provides a broad and deep understanding of Zen Buddhism in the aspects of doctrine, practice and application in life. In particular, we will see Zen from a critical viewpoint as to how it can be a useful and living religion to be lived and enjoyed in modern life, rather than a dead religion to be studied in universities and institutes. The difficult issues such as how to bring together Zen and modern science and technology in a coherent and mutual complementary manner will also be discussed.

本科目對於禪佛教的學說、實踐和生活方式,提供一個既廣博又深入的理解。尤其是從一個批判的角度去了解怎樣使禪成為一個有用而生動的宗教,人們在現代生活中享受禪的樂趣。這是與一般大學所教授的呆滯宗教不同之處。本科要討論的,也包括把禪和現代科學及技術連接在一起以提高現代人的生活品質的困難問題。

### R.P. 1310 Ethics (3,2,1) (3,2,1)

An introduction to the nature of morality with emphasis on its concern with our ethical responsibility to society. The course will consider the nature of ethics and various main ethical theories and then several important issues in moral philosophy.

本科目探討倫理學的本質,強調我們對社會的道德責任,讓我們認識主要的道德理論及一些重要的道德哲學議題。

### R.P. 1320 Applied Ethics (3,2,1) 應用倫理學

This course begins with a brief introduction to moral theories and principles in preparing students to analyse critical issues that they face in their daily life. Then moral issues in selected fields in applied ethics will be introduced. Students are encouraged to apply those theories and principles in attempting to facilitate morally acceptable solutions.

本科目將首先簡單介紹一些道德理論及原則,以預備同學對他們 日常生活所遇到的重要道德議題進行分析。然後,我們會一同研 究一些應用倫理學的選題。同學們應該嘗試藉著應用這些理論, 找出可接受的道德方案。

#### R.P. 1330 Business, Values and Society 商業、價值與社會

The course begins with a broad exploration of ethics and moral theory, and will then proceed to explore the moral dimensions and social responsibilities of business activity in modern society. The examination and detailed discussion of various moral issues and dilemmas confronting individuals involved in business decisions will connect the world of business and commerce with ethical deliberation and theory.

本科目首先概略探討倫理學的範疇及道德理論,進而探究現代社會商業活動所涉及的道德範圍及社會責任,也會詳細討論和研究個人於商業決定時所面對的道德困局和議題。

## R.P. 1340 Christian Ethics and Contemporary (3,2,1) Issues

#### 基督教倫理與當代議題

This course is not designed to set forth a complete system of Christian ethics or moral teachings, but rather to focus on the notions that are pivotal to modern experience of life in relation to moral decisions and dilemmas from various Christian perspectives. This course begins with a discussion of the nature of ethics and the bases of moral norms. The next part addresses interplay between norms and the applications of norms in differing moral situations and cultural contexts in cases of conflict of duties. We will examine moral issues of human life, sexuality, class relationships, and management of resources, law and authority in conflict situations. Our discussion will include scriptural texts pertinent to the above issues.

本科目的目的,不在於提出一套完整的基督教倫理或道德教育,而是要著眼現代生活體驗;從不同的基督教觀點,探討面對道德兩難時如何抉擇。本科首部,討論倫理的本質和道德規範的基礎。本科次部,探討在不同的道德處境和文化背景下,如何實踐道德原則,如何處理道德責任之間的衝突。本科的第三部分,則集中探討一些道德議題,如生命倫理、性倫理、階級關係、資源管理、如何處理法律與權威之間的衝突等。此外,還會隨課討論一些與道德議題相關的聖經經文。

### R.P. 1350 Christianity and Humanism (3,2,1) 基督教與人文主義

This course begins with an historical survey of the rise of humanism in the Renaissance, and follows its development through the Enlightenment in the contemporary Western culture. It reflects in particular the dynamic and complex relation between humanism and Christanity throughout this development. It also surveys the humanism in Chinese literature and culture and explores its relation with Chinese philosophies in general, and Confucianism in particular. It further studies the concept of humanity in the Christian religion, with special attention to its understanding of the creative and redemptive relations between God and humanity. The reliance of humanist ideals on Christian theology and its ethical ideals will be examined. Creative tensions and dialogues between humanism and Christianity are evaluated in their common pursuit of human dignity, human rights and human freedom. A couple of case studies in, for instance, "sexual fulfilment in humanism and Christianity" and "human rights in humanism and Christianity" will help focus the issues and discourses within concrete situations.

本科目首先由歷史角度來探討人文主義自文藝復興時期、經啟蒙時期、至當代西方文化的發展,以及人文主義與基督教在這歷史過程中所反映出的互動而複雜的關係。它亦介紹中國文學和文化中的人文主義,並探究其與中國哲學特別是儒學的關係。它進一步研討基督教的人觀,尤其是其創造觀及救贖觀所展示的神與人之間的關係。它又考察人文主義理念對基督教神學及其道德價值的依據,並反思兩者在共同追求人類的尊嚴、人權及自由時,所激發的張力和對話。本課程會以一些個案,如「性在人文主義與基督教的圓成」和「人文主義與基督教中的人權」,來協助學生在實際語境中探討及評估人文主義和基督教的異同。

#### R.P. 1360 Ethics of Life and Death 生死倫理學

This is an introductory course in applied ethics and philosophical practice focusing on matters of life and death (such as suicide, euthanasia, foregoing of life-sustaining medical treatment,