

Course Title	:	Religions in Hong Kong: Experience and Reality
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Synopsis

The advance of technology in modern society has permanently changed the outlook of the world, surrogate motherhood, the technology of drone strike, the emergence of mobile gadgets, and social communication networks, etc. have made humankind rethink the meaning of their collective existence. Yet, rather than concealing human beings from their metaphysical concerns and questions, the emergence of the new outlook has only brought them closer to the questions, such as the existence of Gods, the purpose of life and death, and the sense of identity that human beings share with their ancestors, land and cultures. In contemporary society, religion still carries deep significance to believers and non-believers alike, representing an aspect of inquiry which is distinct from science or other humanities subjects. In this course, we will provide an emphatic study of the variety of beliefs and practices maintained by major religions in Hong Kong. We will enable students to acquire a subjective experience of participating in the activities of particular religions. Most important, students will discover how this experience affects the way in which followers of different religions understand the world, and relate to one another, in the context of a world, where technological advancement has permanently altered the way of our lives.