TRADITIONAL ASIAN MEDICINE:

CHINESE, INDIAN, ISLAMIC

CLCS

4900-003

OR ARAB 4880-002 / CHIN 4900-002



This course will explore traditional Asian concepts of medicine and the body. Accordingly, an important thematic focus over the semester will be contrasting this with our own understanding of medicine, from the perspective of both modern biomedical and popular conceptualizations. As an exhaustive introduction to traditional Asian medical systems, with particular focus on the Chinese, Indian, and Islamic traditions, we will study theoretical and practical aspects of these traditions. There are two main learning goals for this course. The first is to instill an appreciation for these non-Western, traditional approaches to the body and medicine while maintaining clarity about ontological and epistemological differences (how these traditions imagine the body and how they interpret corporeal information). The second is to problematize the binary of evidence-based (scientific) medicine and traditional medicine for deeper insights into the human body and the limits of our knowledge.



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