COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an in-depth study of the Eight Extraordinary Vessels, the Divergent Meridians, the Luo-Collaterals, the Sinew Channels, and the Tendino-Muscular Meridians. It also covers the connections between the meridian systems, including the Twelve Primary Meridians, and the disease patterns indicated for their use. Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to make a diagnosis and a treatment principle utilizing the various meridian systems.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this class, a student will understand the connections between the meridian systems above, their connections to the Twelve Regular Meridians, and the disease patterns indicated for their use.

COURSE PREREQUISITIES

Acupuncture Energetics

REQUIRED TEXTS

Secondary Vessels Notebook by David Chan

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

Meridian Style Acupuncture , by John Pirog
The Acupuncturist's Clinical Handbook by Jeffrey Jacob

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Five quizzes (20% each)

GRADING SCALE: 100-90% A, 89-80% B, 79-70% C, 69% and below F

SPECIAL NOTES

For those insecure with their listening skills or desiring alternative intake patterns, the above texts are recommended. Most of the lectures will not come from written or published sources so my notebook is a work in progress to help ground you in the information.

Professionalism and Full and Prompt Attendance: To pass any course (separate from academic performance) all students must meet requirements for professionalism in coursework. Professionalism includes full and prompt attendance: Students who miss more than 2 class meetings in a 10-week course will earn an F in that course. Additionally, students who arrive more than 15 minutes to class or leave class before it ends will be marked tardy. Two tardies equal one absence. NOTE: Students who leave and return to class late from a break or leave during the class (especially if this is repeated) or who disrupt the class in other ways may be referred to the Academic Dean for professionalism.

CLASS ONE (The syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.)
Class overview.
Review of the basics from Acu-Energetics.
Jing Bie: Divergent Meridians aka Distinct Meridians
CLASS TWO
Circulation of Qi in Divergent Meridians.
Pathways of the 6 Confluences of the Divergent Meridians & their emotional signatures.

CLASS THREE
Divergent Meridians (continued).

CLASS FOUR
Quiz #1 - Overview & Divergent Meridians
Evolution of Qi Jing Ba Mai: 8 Extraordinary Vessels & Trajectories Ren, Chong, Du, Dai (& related Bao Mai)

CLASS FIVE
Extraordinary Vessel Trajectories cont.: Yin & Yang Qiao, Yin & Yang Wei

CLASS SIX
Quiz #2 on Ren, Du, Chong & Dai Mai & Bao Mai
Alternative Models of the 8 Extraordinary Vessels and further treatment strategies

CLASS SEVEN
Quiz #3 on Yin & Yang Wei, Yin & Yang Qiao
Luo Mai: Luo-collaterals or Connecting Vessels.
The role of emotions & Luo Mai as Vessels of Tolerance.
Longitudinal Luo and Transverse Luo-collaterals.

CLASS EIGHT
The 15 Luo Mai: 12 Luo Mai trajectories
Greater Collateral of Spleen, Du, & Ren Luo Mai.
Compare & contrast Luo Mai with Divergent Meridians.

CLASS NINE
Quiz #4 Luo Mai
Jing Jin: Tendino-muscular meridians or Sinew Channels
Zone Theory: Tai yang, Shao Yang, Yang Ming, Tai Yin, Shao Yin, Jue Yin

CLASS TEN
Quiz #5 - 6 Zones & Sinew Channels

CLASS ELEVEN

REFERENCE MATERIAL

FACULTY INFO
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David Chan specializes in the treatment of manifested spiritual and emotional problems following the teachings of Daoist Master Jeffrey Yuen. He has taught at Emperor’s College for more than 20 years, and currently teaches several courses in the MTOM Program including Philosophy of Oriental Medicine, Acupuncture Energetics, Secondary Vessels and Case Review.