The Integration of Body-Mind-Spirit Training Elements in the teaching of a GE course

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Course Description

* Course Title: 'Individual and Society'

- * Three major components:
 - understanding of self;
 - consciousness towards society;
 - * interpersonal relationships.
- * Basic psychological principles are introduced to help students understand the impact of internal and external factors on their thoughts, feelings, and behavior.

* Specific topics of the course include:

- * Definition of culture,
- * Understanding self in human relations, and in intimate relationships
- * Personality and human relations,
- * Hong Kong Chinese identity,
- * Communication and relation in work.

Mode of Teaching

* The mode of teaching encompasses

- * Lecture
- Class discussions
- * Tutorial
- * Debates
- Body-mind-spirit experiential games
- Group project presentation
- Individual performance

Course Assessment

* Students are required to conduct a group project 30%

- * Interviewing two youngsters and two elder adults on personal and social factors affecting their attitudes towards different significant life issues (viz., life, death, education, gender, love, sexuality, and religion).
- * Presentation of results of data analysis of the interviews.
- ***** Tutorial participation 20%
 - * In the final tutorial, each student is required to do a two-minute individual show performance on the theme 'I love myself because..."
- * Individual written assignment 20%
- * Final Test 30%

Student's individual performance

- * Each student is required to do a two-minute individual show performance on the theme 'I love myself because..."
- * Highlighting 'The Power of Individual'

Measurement Tool

Are there any changes in your feeling or your ability in the following aspects after taking the course? Please indicate your answer by putting a " \checkmark " mark in the appropriate how that applies to you

	Feeling or ability	Worse	No change	Better	Much better	Very much better
1	Feeling of life is full of vitality		D	0		
2	Feeling of physical healthy	C		D		Π
3	Ability to resist feeling tired	i Ci		0		D
4	Feeling good about bodily function		α	۵		
5	Sleeping well	a			D	D
6	Feeling of being energetic	Ω	۵	Π		D
7	Physically condition in coping with work			U .	D	
8	Concentration in things		0		D	0
9	Ability to play a useful part in things		0		000	0
10	Capability of making decision			Π	D	
11	Ability to face up to problems			α		
12	Capability of enjoying day-today activities					0
13	Feeling of reasonably happy		0	O	D	0
14	Knowing myself and future direction		0		Π	D
15	Feeling positive about life					
16	Feeling fulfilled and satisfied with life			D		
17	Feeling settled about future				Ω	
18	Feeling a sense of well-being about future,		D			
19	Feeling good about future				D	
20	Feeling that life is meaningful		D	B		0
21	Believing that life has some real purposes	0		D		
22	Enjoy much about life	α	0			0
23	Feeling that life is full happiness	o				
24	Being able to peacefully accept changes in life	D	0			
25	Being able to calmly face the various encounters of				D	
26	Being able to accept regrets in life	0	0	D		Ö
27	Being able to take something up, or let go of it	0	0	Ω	<u> </u>	
28	Not feeling resentful to other's hurting of me					0
29	Being able to accepting other's criticism of me		a	D		0
30	Being able to readily forgive other's hurting of me				n	
31	Being able to feel myself as worthy person	D		Ω	D	D
32	Being able to feel myself as having good quality		0			0
33	Being able to feel that I am a success		D			D
34	Being able to do things in general	G				0
35	Being able e to take pride of myself		D	0		0
36	Being able to take positive attitude toward myself	D		D		D
37	Feeling of satisfaction with myself	n		0		0
38	Being able to have respect for myself		B			0
39	Feeling myself as a useful person		D			0
40	Feeling myself as good as others			0 1		

Outcome Measures of the GE Course on Individual and Society

Scale	No. of items	Exemplary items
Physical	7	Feeling that physical healthy; Feeling good about bodily function
Psychological	6	Ability to face up to problems; Capability of enjoying day-today activities
Spiritual	7	Feeling that life is meaningful; Believing that life has some real purposes
nonattachment	10	Ability to take something up, or let go of it Not feeling resentful to other's hurting of me
Positive self-regard	10	take a positive attitude towards oneself; feel satisfied with oneself

Data Collection

* Participants

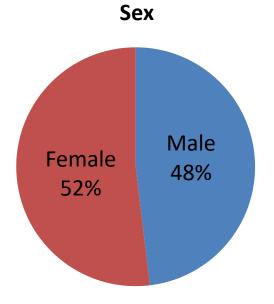
- * 80 students (47.5% males) participated in the study.
- * They are from different disciplines, including social work, human services, hotel management, corporate management, market and event management, business administration, accountancy, etc. Participation was voluntary and anonymous.

* Data procedure collection

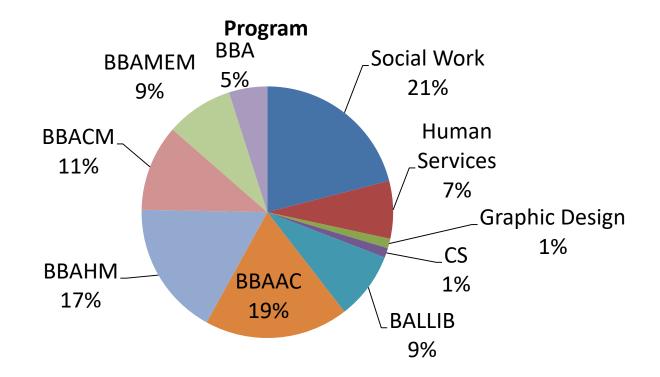
- * Students were invited to fill in a questionnaire consisting five scales that measure holistic well-being.
- * The questionnaire took only 5 minutes to complete. Reliability of the five scales is satisfactory.

Evaluation results

- * Participants:
 - * Female (52%) and Male (48%)



Student background



Reliability of the Outcome Measures

Outcome measure	Number of items	Cronbach α coefficient
Body	7	.91
Mind	6	.92
Spirituality	7	.92
Nonattachment	10	.93
Positive self-regard	10	.94

Descriptive Statistics of Outcome Measures

Mean value of Body lowest of all, approaching toward better.

Mean values of the other outcome measure slightly higher than change to better.

Outcome measure	Ν	Mean	S.D.
Body	80	0.98	0.72
Mind	77	1.16	0.72
Spirituality	78	1.18	0.78
Nonattachment	79	1.11	0.67
Positive self-regard	80	1.15	0.71

Gender Difference in Outcome

Female students report lower level of increment in all the scales

	Males (N=33)	Females (N=36)	t-value
Outcome measure	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	
Body	1.10 (0.77)	0.78 (0.54)	1.98*
Mind	1.29 (0.75)	0.97 (0.54)	2.00*
Spirituality	1.39 (0.79)	0.95 (0.69)	2.45*
Nonattachment	1.20 (0.69)	1.02 (0.59)	1.16
Positive self-regard	1.21 (0.76)	1.08 (0.62)	0.77

Positive Changes in BMS

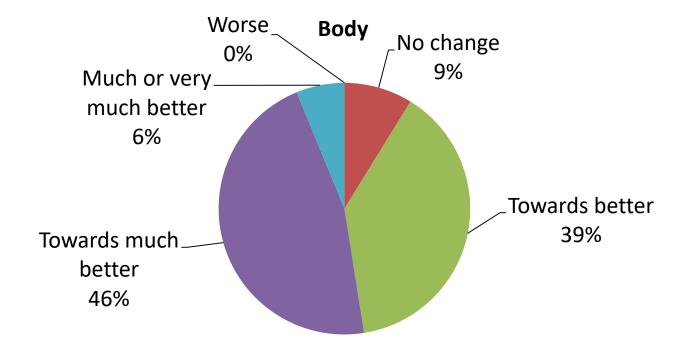
* Students reported that there are positive changes in their feeling or ability in the aspects of

- *Body
- * Mind
- * Spirit
- * Nonattachment
- * Positive Regard

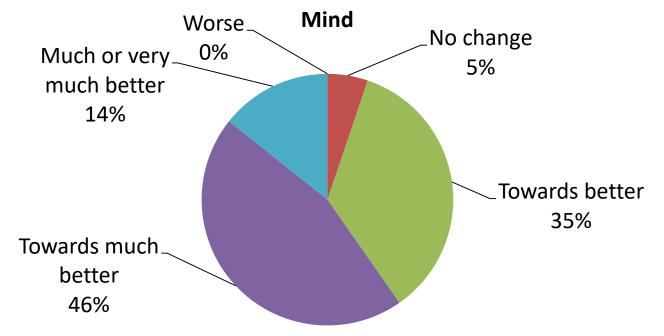
One Sample T-test on Outcome Measures (with Test Value = 0) Note. All t-values significant at *p* < .001

Outcome measure	Ν	t-value
Body	80	12.14
Mind	77	14.11
Spirituality	78	13.35
Nonattachment	79	14.85
Positive self-regard	80	14.50

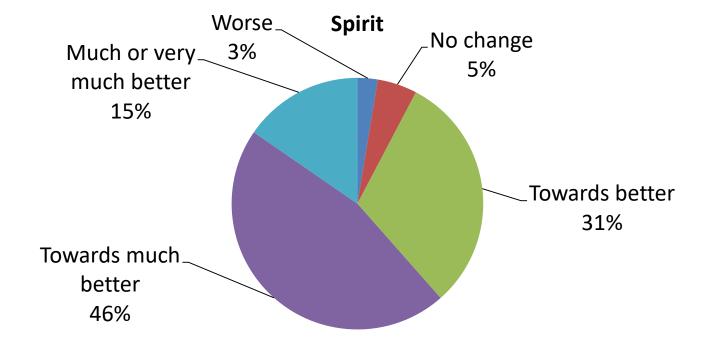
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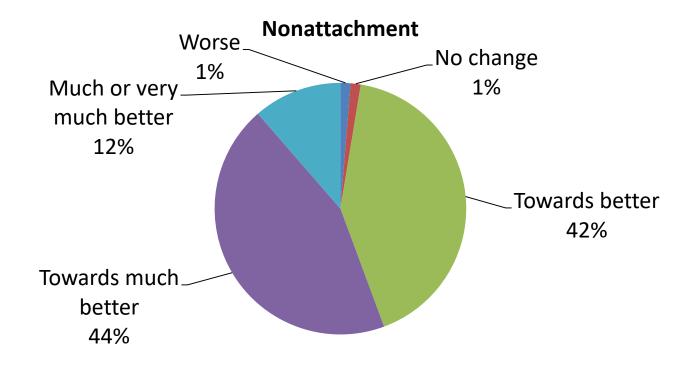




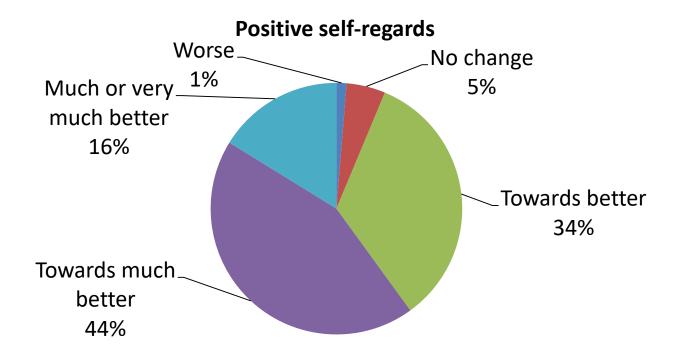
Spiritual



Non-attachment



Positive Self-regards



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