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**Title**

The Influence of Traditional Chinese Medicine in the History of Naturology in Brazil

**Abstract**

Although one can attest to the Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) in Brazil since the waves of Japanese immigration at the beginning of the 20th century, university teaching of TCM is still recent in this country. One of the pioneering initiatives was developing a naturology college course in Paraná, southern Brazil, by the Faculdades Integradas Espírita (currently UNINTER) in 1994. Although naturologists also work with other health practices today, few people know that, in the history of Brazilian naturology, its founders intended to open a course in TCM, not in naturology itself. In respect to the Brazilian Council of Western Medicine, notwithstanding, the Brazilian Ministry of Education did not authorize the opening of a course with the word “medicine” in the title. So, in order to teach TCM in a Brazilian college, the first naturology course was created. TCM, therefore, has been accommodated as one of the many curricular contents in its pedagogical project. This paper intends to present this history and demonstrate the TCM presence in the Curricular Projects and Framework of two Brazilian naturology courses: one in Santa Catarina (southern Brazil) and another in São Paulo. Also, this study briefly mentions the relationship between naturology and the New Age, and the tension between the traditional Chinese knowledge and the orientalist view of it inside the Brazilian naturology.