



MASTER COURSE OUTLINE

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COURSE TITLE

Asian Philosophy

GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

Dept.: PHIL

Course Num: 250

(Formerly:)

CIP Code: 38.0101

Intent Code: 11

Program Code:

Credits: 5

Total Contact Hrs Per Qtr.: 55

Lecture Hrs: 55

Lab Hrs: 0

Other Hrs: 0

Distribution Designation: Humanities HU

COURSE DESCRIPTION (as it will appear in the catalog)

This course introduces to students the major intellectual currents in East Asia, with the focus on Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism. Student will follow the unfolding of the intellectual history chronologically, and discuss the teachings of most influential thinkers in East Asia.

PREREQUISITES

None

TEXTBOOK GUIDELINES

Fung Yu-lan, *A Short History of Chinese Philosophy: A Systematic Account of Chinese Thought from Its Origins to the Present Day*, ed. by Derk Bodde, (New York: The Free Press 1997);

J. J. Clarke, *Oriental Enlightenment: The Encounter between Asian and Western Thought* (Paperback), Routledge; 1997.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to demonstrate the following knowledge or skills:

1. Articulate the following themes:
 - o The spirit and background of Chinese Philosophy
 - o The history and development of Confucianism
 - o Mo Tzu, the first opponent of Confucius
 - o The history and development of Taoism
 - o The school of names
 - o The Yin-Yang School
 - o Fan Fei Tzu and the Legalist School
 - o The history and development of neo-Confuciansim
 - o The history and development of neo-Taoism
 - o The history and development of Chinese Buddhism

INSTITUTIONAL OUTCOMES

IO1 Communication: Students will be able to communicate clearly and effectively.

COURSE CONTENT OUTLINE

Week One

Chapter 1: The spirit of Chinese Philosophy

Chapter 2: The background of Chinese Philosophy

Chapter 3: The Origin of the Schools

Week Two

Chapter 4: Confucius, the First Teacher

Chapter 5: Mo Tzu (Mo Zi), the First Opponent of Confucius

Chapter 6: The First Phase of Taoism (Daoism): Yang Chu

Week Three

Chapter 7: The Idealistic Wing of Confucianism

Chapter 8: The School of Names

Chapter 9: The Second Phase of Taoism (Daoism): Lao Tzu (Lao Zi)

Week Four

Chapter 10: The Third Phase of Taoism (Daoism): Chuang Tzu (Zhuang Zi)

Chapter 11: The Later Mohists

Chapter 12: The Yin-Yang School and Early Chinese Cosmology

Week Five

Chapter 13: The Realistic Wing of Confucianism: Hsun Tzu (Xun Zi)

Chapter 14: Fan Fei Tzu and the Legalist School

Week Six

Chapter 15: Confucian Metaphysics

Chapter 16: World Politics and World Philosophy

Chapter 17: Theorizer of the Han Empire: Tung Chung-Shu (Dong Zhongshu)

Week Seven

Chapter 18: The Ascendancy of Confucianism and Revival of Taoism (Daoism)

Chapter 19: Neo-Taoism: The Rationalists

Chapter 20: Neo-Taoism: Sentimentalists

Week Eight

Chapter 21: The Foundation of Chinese Buddhism

Chapter 22: Ch'anism, The Philosophy of Silence

Chapter 23: Neo-Confucianism: the Cosmologists

Week Nine

Chapter 24: Neo-Confucianism: the Beginning of the two Schools

Chapter 25: Neo-Confucianism: the Schools of Platonic Ideas

Chapter 26: Neo-Confucianism: the School of Universal Mind

Week Ten

Chapter 27: The Introduction of Western Philosophy

Chapter 28: Chinese Philosophy in the Modern World

DEPARTMENTAL GUIDELINES *(optional)*

PO5 should be assessed: Students will be able to solve problems by gathering, interpreting, combining and/or applying information from multiple sources.

DIVISION CHAIR APPROVAL

DATE