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Selected strands of religious thought in China. This course will examine various Chinese religious traditions, in particular Confucianism, Daoism, and Buddhism. Rather than provide a comprehensive survey of all of the strands of Chinese religion (which is impractical in a ten-week quarter), this course emphasizes in-depth understanding through the study of primary religious texts supported by secondary readings in the relevant scholarly literature. The focus of our examination will be on the philosophical understanding of religious ideas in critical historical context. We will study key ideas within the context of various cultural and historical issues such as gender, class, and ritual.

Requirements

1. Attendance: Required. Students can have one unexcused absence without penalty. Each class missed thereafter without prior permission will result in 1/2 grade penalty for the course grade.

2. Short exams: There will be two short, in-class exams, based on materials from the readings, lectures, and course web site.

3. Short papers: Students will write three short papers based on topics that will be provided by the instructor.

4. Final paper: Each student will hand in a medium length final paper of 4-6 pages double-spaced. Suggested topics will be provided. Students may choose to create their own topics with the consent of the instructor. In the case of the latter, a one-paragraph description of the topic must be submitted by email to the instructor one week prior to the due date.

5. Late policy on written assignments: Three grace days total will be allotted excluding the medium-length final paper for which no extensions will be given. For all other assignments, a cumulative total of three late days will be allowed without penalty. Thereafter, each late day will result in a two-point deduction from the course grade. Weekends are not counted against the grace days.

Email. Students should all have email accounts. Notices for the class will be posted by email.

Grades

- Short exam A 10%
- Short exam B 10%
- Short paper I 15%
- Short paper II 20%
- Final paper 30%
- Attendance and participation 15%

Required Texts


Available at the *Copy Shop*, 539 E. 13th Street, Eugene, OR 97401, TEL 485 6253.

**Course Reader**

1. Wade-Giles Romanization System

2. Notes for Lecture: Ancient China


4. Confucius' World of Ideas (diagram)

5. Key Terms of Early Confucianism

(Note: All articles below are cited in footnote/endnote format.)


10. _____, "Comments on Lau's Translation of the Tao Te-ching" 1-4.


12. Finding List for Footnotes from Ivanhoe Article on Chuang Tzu.


20. Mark Unno, "Key Terms - Nagarjuna and Early Chinese Buddhism"


REL302 Chinese Religions - Class schedule including exams and papers

(CR: Course Reader; CR 1: Course Reader, 1st Selection)

**Week 1 - The Background of Ancient China**

9/27 Mon. Introduction to the Course-Chinese Religions: Whose Religions?


**Week 2 - Confucius: The Original Confucian?**

10/4 Mon. Confucius: Fingarette, The Secular as Sacred, 1-36; "Key Terms of Early Confucianism" CR 5


10/8 Fri. Confucius: Ivanhoe, "Reweaving the 'One Thread',' CR 7.

**Week 3 - Mencius: Confucianism & Human Nature; Lao Tzu (Laozi): Return to the Tao (Dao).**


**Week 4 - Lao Tzu: Return to the Tao; Zhuangzi: Skillfulness at Play**


Week 5 - Zhuangzi: Skillfulness at Play


10/29 Fri. **Short exam A in class.**

Week 6 - Hsun Tzu: Ritual and the Reform of Human Nature


Week 7 - Buddhism: Indian Background; Mahayana Buddhism

11/8 Mon. **Early Indian Buddhism: The Buddha Gotama.**

11/10 Wed. **Early Indian Buddhism: The Nikaya Teachings.**

11/12 Fri. Mahayana Buddhism: Nagarjuna and Emptiness: "Key Terms - Nagarjuna," CR 20. **Short Paper II due in class.**

Week 8 - Buddhism: Indian Bodhisattva, Chinese Philosophical Schools


11/19 Fri. **Short Exam B in class.**

Week 9 - Zen Buddhism: Master Bodhidharma; Master Hui-neng


11/26 Fri. **Thanksgiving Break.**

Week 10 - Zen Buddhism: The Platform Sutra


12/1 Wed. Discussion of paper topics.

12/3 Fri. Concluding lecture. **Final Papers due in class.**