

## Chinese Philosophy

### **Instructors:**

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### **Required text:**

Wing-tsit Chan, *A Source Book in Chinese philosophy*. Princeton: Princeton U. Press, 1969. (SB)

### **Suggested texts:**

Confucius, *Confucius: The Analects*. Tr. by D. C. Lau. London: Penguin, 1979.

Mencius, *Mencius*. Tr. by D. C. Lau. London: Penguin, 1970.

Lao Tzu, *Dao De Jing*, Tr. By Moss Roberts, Univ. of California Press, 2004.

Fung Yu-lan, *A Short History of Chinese Philosophy*, The Free Press, 1976.

**Course Description:** The course is a comprehensive historical survey of the main philosophical traditions in China, including Confucianism, Mohism, Legalism, Daoism, Buddhism, etc. Through lectures, discussions, and reading of select primary and secondary sources, we will explore the formulations and subsequent transformations of key beliefs, doctrines, practices, and institutions that characterized specific philosophical traditions. We will also discuss about the general character of Chinese culture and the impact of Chinese traditions on people's life today.

### **Grading:**

10% Attendance

20% Special Group Assignments

35% Midterm Essay

35% Final Exam

### **Academic Integrity:**

Academic integrity is the moral code or ethical policy of academia. This includes values such as avoidance of cheating or plagiarism; maintenance of academic standards; honesty and rigor in research and academic publishing.

### **Schedule:**

Week	Topic
1	Orientation, No Class
2	Introduction to Chinese Philosophy

3	Pre-chin Confucianism I: <i>The Analects</i>
4	Pre-Chin Confucianism II: Mencius
5	Pre-Chin Confucianism III: The Great Learning Pre-Chin Confucianism IV: The Doctrine of the Mean
6	Pre-Chin Confucianism V: Xunzi
	Movie Review: Eat Drink Men Women by Ann Lee
7	Mohism
8	Legalism
9	A Crisis for Confucianism
10	Introduction to Daoism
11	Laozi: Dao De Jing
12	Zhuangzi: The Equality of Things; The Great Teacher
	Movie Review: Pushing Hands by Ann Lee
13	Introduction to Buddhism
14	Chinese Buddhism: Tientai; Huayan; Chan
15	Final test