

**UGA 2100E An Outline of Chinese Culture**

**Spring, 09-10**

**Time: T7-8 (English)**

**Venue: SCL 5**

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### **Course Description**

This course aims at giving a general account of Chinese culture. It includes the following: 1) the characteristics of Chinese culture; 2) Chinese philosophy; 3) Chinese politics; 4) history of Chinese economy; 5) Chinese society & sociology; 6) Chinese psychology; 7) Chinese literature.

### **Suggested Topics**

12/01 Introduction

19/01 Chinese Philosophy I: Confucianism- Confucius' *Analects* I

26/01 Chinese Philosophy I: Confucianism- Confucius' *Analects* II

02/02 Chinese Philosophy I: Confucianism- Mencius and Xunzi

09/02 Chinese Philosophy II: Daoism- Laozi

**16/02 HOLIDAY**

23/02 Chinese Philosophy II: Daoism- Zhuangzi

02/03 Chinese Philosophy III: Mohism

**09/03 TEST**

16/03 Politics & Economics in China

23/03 The Chinese Society & Sociology

**06/04 HOLIDAY**

13/04 Chinese Psychology and the Chinese Mind

20/04 Chinese Literature: *Dream of Red Chamber*

### **Assessment Methods**

Test 40%

Term-paper 60%

**No make-up test/exam except for very special reason. Besides, there will be a grade-reduction for all approved and acceptable make-up assessment.**

**The topic of term-paper will be announced in the webpage.**

### **Lecture Power-point & Core Reading**

1. Core-reading on philosophy: *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*; *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*; *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*

<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/confucius> (1-4)

<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/mencius> (1-4)  
<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/xunzi> (1, 3-6)  
<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/laozi> (1, 4-5)  
<http://www.iep.utm.edu/z/zhuangzi.htm> (1, 3.1-3.4)  
<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/mohism> (1, 2, 6-8)

2. Other core-reading & lecture power-point will be uploaded to web ([www.cuhk.edu.hk/oal/courses/ias2550.html](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/oal/courses/ias2550.html)).

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