

## UGA2100F An Outline of Chinese Culture

Fall 2010

**Time: F8-9**

**Venue: ERB 401**

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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) the Chinese society & sociology; 6) Chinese psychology; 7) Chinese literature. There will be an emphasis on the comparative between Chinese and Western culture.

### Suggested Topics

09/09	Introduction
16/09	Chinese Philosophy I: Confucianism- Confucius' <i>Analects</i> I
23/09	<b><u>Hoilday</u></b>
30/09	Chinese Philosophy I: Confucianism- Confucius' <i>Analects</i> II_
07/10	Chinese Philosophy I: Confucianism- Mencius and Xunzi
14/10	Chinese Philosophy II: Daoism- Laozi
21/10	Chinese Philosophy II: Daoism- Zhuangzi
28/10	Chinese Philosophy III: Mohism
04/11	<b><u>TEST</u></b>
11/11	Chinese Literature
18/11	Politics & Economics in China
25/11	The Chinese Society & Sociology
02/12	Chinese Psychology and the Chinese Mind

\*Lectures will start at 3:40pm and end at 5:10pm.

### Assessment Methods

Test	50%
Paper	50%

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

**Term-paper guidelines can be found in the web-page.**

### Lecture Power-point & Assigned / Core Reading

1. Core-reading on Chinese philosophy: *Standford 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 can be downloaded from [www.cuhk.edu.hk/oal/courses/ias2550.html](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/oal/courses/ias2550.html)

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### **Suggested Readings**

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