

COURSE DETAIL

CHINESE PHILOSOPHY: ETHICS

Country

Hong Kong

Host Institution

University of Hong Kong

Program(s)

University of Hong Kong

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

130

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CHINESE PHILOSOPHY: ETHICS

UCEAP Transcript Title

CHINESE PHIL:ETHICS

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

This course explores and critiques personal and social ethical ideals as presented in early Chinese ethical discourse. Major texts to be considered include the Analects, Mèngzi, Xúnzi, Mòzi, Dàodéjing, and Zhuangzi. Central questions discussed include: What is dào (the proper way or path of life), what standards can guide us in following dào, what grounds can we have for confidence that these are the correct standards, what kind of person should we strive to be, what values should take priority in our lives. The course also discusses the relevance of early Chinese ethics to contemporary ethical discourse. Class meetings are a mixture of lecture and discussion. Assessment: Class discussion (20%), three short writing assignments (250–500 words each, 40%), final paper (1500–2000 words, 40%).

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

PHIL2430

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

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