

Historical Studies 405, L01

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TOPICS IN EAST ASIAN HISTORY -- FOUNDATIONS OF CONFUCIAN THOUGHT

This course explores the early formation of Confucian thought. It covers the period of the Zhou dynasty (c.1111 to 221 BCE) with particular emphasis on thought of the two main Confucian thinkers of this period: Confucius (551-479 BCE) and Mencius (c.379-304 BCE). Major themes covered in the course include the influences on Confucian thinking originating prior to it, the formal beginnings of the Confucian school, the formation of a canon and commentaries, and important Confucian concepts.

This period is significant for at least two reasons. First, the foundation for Confucian thought, the school that would characterize Chinese thinking, arguably even today, was laid; and, second, China experienced a breakthrough in intellectual thought, both in its creativity and diversity.

This course will require students to demonstrate mastery of course content and to produce a research essay.

EVALUATION:

- 1. Research essay proposal: due Tuesday March 10, 10%.**
- 2. Research essay: due Thursday April 16, 3500 words, 45%.**
- 3. Final exam: open-book, registrar scheduled, 45%.** The exam will be questions taken from a list distributed April 14. The questions will be on class lectures, reading questions, and discussions.
- 4. Penalties:** Deduction of a letter grade (e.g., B to B-) for each day late in submitting the essay. There is a red box outside the main office of the Department of History (SS 565) where essays not submitted to the instructor may be deposited. **No electronic submissions accepted.**
5. Scale for conversion of percentage grade to letter grade: 90-100 (A+); 85-89(A); 80-84 (A-); 77-79 (B+); 73-76 (B); 70-72 (B-); 67-69 (C+); 63-66 (C); 60-62 (C-); 57-59 (D+); 50-56 (D); 0-49 (F).

NOTE: Red Box in History Policy Change: Papers dropped in the red box after 4:00 P.M. will be marked the date of the next business day.

TEXTS: (available in the U of C bookstore)

Creel, Herrlee. Confucius: The Man and the Myth. New York: John Day, 1972.
Reprint by University of Calgary Bookstore.

Confucius: The Analects. Translator D.C. Lau. Markam, Ontario: Penguin Books, 1979.

Mencius. Translator D.C. Lau. Markam, Ontario: Penguin Books, 1970.

BOOKS ON RESERVE:

The Ch'un Ts'ew [Qunqiu] with the Tso Chuen [Zuo zhuan] in The Chinese Classics.
Trans. James Legge.

Confucius: The Analects. Trans. D.C. Lau. (1 hour loan)

Creel, Herrlee G. Confucius: The Man and the Myth. (1 hour loan)

Creel, Herrlee G. The Origins of Statecraft in China.

Hsu Cho-yun. Ancient China in Transition.

Hsu Cho-yun and Katheryn M. Linduff. Western Chou Civilization.

Loewe, Michael and Edward L. Shaughnessy, ed. The Cambridge History of Ancient China.

Mencius. Mencius. Trans. D.C. Lau. (1 hour loan)

Mote, Fredrick. The Intellectual Foundations of China.

Pines, Yuri. Foundations of Confucian Thought: Intellectual Life in the Chunqiu Period, 722-453 B.C.E.

Schwartz, Benjamin I. The World of Thought in Ancient China.

Shun Kwong-loi. Mencius and Early Chinese Thought.

The Tso Chuan: Selections from China's Oldest Narrative History. Trans. Burton Watson.

Xunzi. Xunzi: A Translation and Study of the Complete Works. Trans. John Knoblock.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism occurs when one submits or presents one's work in a course, or ideas and/or passages in a written piece of work, as if it were one's own work done expressly for that particular course, when, in fact, it is not.

As noted in the **Department of History Guide to Essay Presentation**, plagiarism may take several forms:

- Failure to cite sources properly may be considered plagiarism. This could include quotations, and wording used from another source but not acknowledged.
- Borrowed, purchased, and/or ghostwritten papers are considered plagiarism, as is submitting one's own work for more than one course without the permission of the instructor(s) involved.
- Extensive paraphrasing of one or a few sources is also considered plagiarism, even when notes are used, unless the essay is a critical analysis of those works.
- The use of notes does not justify the sustained presentation of another author's language and ideas as one's own.

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence. A plagiarized paper will automatically be failed. Plagiarism may also result in a failing grade for the entire course and other penalties as noted in **The University of Calgary Calendar**.

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