

PHIL 60191: Graduate Seminar 2009

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Course Description

Confucianism is not just a philosophy, but historically has been, and still is a way of life for East-Asians. In this course we will inquire into the absence of essentialistic tendencies, the presence of process philosophy, and a pragmatic understanding of the *dao* (way) in Confucianism through an intensive reading of the *Zhongyong (Focusing the Familiar)*, a Confucian primary-text. We will critically appreciate the significance Confucianism has for us living and philosophizing in the contemporary West through reading secondary sources on Confucianism

Requirements

1. Read the readings and attend the lectures.
2. Write a midterm paper and a final paper. Each paper will constitute 45% of the grades (in sum 90%). Policies and guidelines concerning papers will also be discussed in class.
3. The last 10% of the grades will be constituted by attendance and participation. five or more absences that are not reported before class will result in an additional deduction of points at the instructor's discretion.

Texts (Required)

1. *Focusing the Familiar*. Ames and Hall.
2. *East and West: Fusion of Horizons*. Lee, Kwang-Sae
3. Additional reading material will be distributed out throughout the semester.

Grievance Procedure

The Philosophy Department Grievance Procedure is in conformity with the Student Academic Complaint Policy and Procedures set down as University Policy 3342-4-16 in the University Policy Register. For information concerning the details of the grievance procedure, please see the Departmental Chairperson.

Students with Disabilities

In accordance with the University policy, if you have a documented disability and require accommodations to obtain equal access in this course, please contact the instructor at the beginning of the semester or when given an assignment for which an accommodation is required. Students with disabilities must verify their eligibility through the Office of Student Disability Services (SDS) in the Michael Schwartz Student Service Center (672-3391).