

UNIVERSIDAD DE COSTA RICA
ESCUELA DE FILOSOFÍA

II Semestre 2017

Curso: F 1004 Filosofía en Lengua Inglesa. Introduction to the philosophies in East Asia

Créditos: 3

Nivel: Bachillerato

Código: F-1004

Horas semanales: Miércoles 1:00 – 4.50 pm

Requisitos y correquisitos: ninguno

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Course Description

This course is designed in order

1) to offer the students an opportunity to do philosophy in English, read, write and practice discussions on philosophical themes in a foreign language.

2) to encounter and try to understand different forms of thinking – esp. the philosophies in China, the role and status of which in the region is similar to those of Greek philosophy in Europe. We will approach to learn Chinese philosophy historically with a textbook by Fung Yu-Lan. We will focus esp. on six schools: (1) Yin-Yang School, (2) Confucian School (school of literati), (3) Mohist School, (4) School of names, (5) Legalist School, (6) Taoist School and (7) Chinese Buddhism.

3) We will deal also with philosophical thoughts in Korea and Japan.

Aim

General aim:

To understand philosophies from different tradition of thoughts

To understand questions of philosophy in historical and social contexts

To practice philosophy in a foreign language (English)

Specific aim:

To study basic discourses of classical philosophy of China

Philosophy in transition: Korea

To reflect on the questions of philosophy in relation to its social and historical contexts

To reflect on the difference in the forms of philosophy, in the forms of doing philosophy

To reflect on the Eurocentric tendencies in Western philosophy

Activities

Preparation of each class: Reading the text, sometimes answering some questions on the text

Watching movies or audiovisual materials

Participating in cultural or academic activities of East Asia

Presentation of analysis and interpretation of text

Group discussion and presentation

Requirements

"Presence (asistencia)

- Absence more than three times is not accepted.

- Punctuality"

Active participation in the discussion
 Reading the texts, writing the reports.
 Presentation with handout (2 pages) or ppt-slides

Evaluation

Quiz and Homework: 35 %
 Presentation in the class (oral / with handout or ppt): 15 %
 Final Essay and Oral exam (end of semester): 50 %
 Absolutely not accepted (fail): no presentation, or no submission of final essay, or no doing exam

Schedule

Week

Date	Contents
9 Aug.	Introduction to the course <u>(1) Lecture on the historical background of Chinese classical philosophy</u> <u>(2) Introduction to Chinese Philosophy</u> <u>Fung Yu-Lan, 1948, A short history of Chinese Philosophy</u> <u>(Spanish Translation:</u> <u>Feng Youlan, 1989, Breve historia de la filosofía china, Beijing: Ediciones en Lenguas Extranjeras)</u>
16 Aug.	<u>Reading:</u> <u>Chap 1: The Spirit of Chinese Philosophy, pp. 1-15.</u> <u>Chap 2: The background of Chinese Philosophy, pp. 16-29.</u> Film Biography: Confucius, 2010 by Hu Mei (115 min.) & Discusión
23 Aug.	<u>Reading:</u> Lin Yutang, La Sabiduria de Confucio, Buenos Aires: Ediciones Siglo Veinte. Cap. 1: Introducción – Carácter de las ideas confucianas - Breve apreciación de la personalidad de Confucio, pp. 13-46. <u>Philosophy of Confucius</u> <u>Reading:</u> <u>Fung Yu-Lan, 1948, A short history of Chinese Philosophy</u> <u>Chap 4: Confucius the first teacher</u>
30 Aug.	<u>Interpreation of: Confucius, Analects (Video material)</u> <u>Mencius</u> <u>Fung Yu-Lan,</u> <u>Chap 7: The idealistic Wing of Confucianism</u>
6 Sept.	<u>Video: “Mengzi Shuo” and discussion</u>
13 Sept.	<u>School of Names</u> <u>Chap 8: The School of names</u>
20 Sept.	School of Mohists Chap. 5: Mo-Tzu, the first opponent of Confucius Chap. 11: The later Mohists
27 Sept.	<u>Philosophy of Daoism 1: Laozi</u> <u>- Fung Yu-Lan,</u> <u>Chap 9: The second phase of Taoism: Laotzu</u> <u>- Daodejing (Selection)</u> <u>- Video and discussion</u>
04/10/17	<u>Philosophy of Daoism 2: Zhuangzi</u> <u>(1) Fung Yu-lan,</u> <u>Chap. 10: The third phase of Taoism: Zhuangzi, pp-140-156</u> <u>(2) Reading Zhuangzi.</u>

Chap. 1: Wandering in Absolute Freedom
(3) Video: “Zhunagzi Shuo” and discussion

- (1) The Yin-Yang School and the early Chinese Cosmology
Fung Yu-Lan, Chap. 12
(2) Philosophy of Sunzi
Fung Yu-lan,
11 Oct. Chap 13: The realistic wing of Confucianism – Hsün Tzu
- (1) Philosophy of Legalists
Fung Yu-Lan
18/10/17 Chap 14: Han Fei Tzu and the Legalist School
(2) Korean Confucianism
- (1) Buddhism in China
Fung Yu-Lan
25 Oct. Chap. 21: The Foundation of Chinese Buddhism
Chap. 22: Ch’anism, The Philosophy of Silence
(2) Buddhism in Korea
- Philosophy in the transition time to the modern as well as that of colonialism in Korea
01/11/17 Dasan Jeong Yak-Yong & Ham Seok-Heon
- Philosophical Film from Japan, 1950: Rashomon
08/11/17 Discussion
- 15/11/17 Preparation for the final essay and exam
- 22/11/17 Oral exam

Bibliography

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