

**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES
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RELS 603.08/703.08 L01 – CHINESE PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

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Class time: R 2:00-4:45PM

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

The Analects of Confucius: a Philosophical Translation. Translated Roger Ames and Henry Rosemont,

The Daodejing: a Philosophical Translation. Translated Roger Ames.

The Zen Teachings of Master Lin-Chi. Translated Burton Watson.

The Book of Chuang-tzu. Translated by Martin Palmer. Penguin (paper back)

The Monkey and the Monk: An Abridgment of the Journey to the West. Translated by Anthony Yu.

Hero (Film)

Additional readings may be provided by the instructor.

COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES

This course is designed to expose students to some of the major texts in Chinese philosophy and religion, drawing from Confucian, Daoist, and Chan Buddhist traditions. *The Journey to the West* is a syncretic text, which draws upon all three. The main focus will be on developing interpretive and analytic skills as well as examining the interrelationship between major religious traditions in China.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students will be expected to write two papers of 20 pages as well as do one 30 minute in-class presentation. Deadlines for papers are real. Papers should focus on the texts covered in class, and each paper must cover different texts. There will only be one student presentation per class.

First Paper	March 1	40%
Second Paper	April 10	40%
Class Presentation and Participation		20%

Grading:

A letter grade will be assigned to each component of the course according to the University's Graduate Studies Calendar:

A+ 4.0: Outstanding

A 4.0: Excellent – superior performance showing comprehensive understanding of the subject matter

A- 3.7: Very good performance

B+ 3.3: Good performance

B 3.0: Satisfactory performance Note: The grade point value (3.0) associated with this grade is the minimum acceptable average that a graduate student must maintain throughout the program as computed at the end of each registration anniversary year of the program.

B- 2.7: Minimum pass for students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies Note: A student who receives a B- or lower in two or more courses will be required to withdraw regardless of their grade point average unless the program recommends otherwise. Individual programs may require a higher minimum passing grade.

C+ 2.3

C 2.0

C- 1.7

D+ 1.3

D 1.0

F 0.0: All grades below B- are indicative of failure at the graduate level and cannot be counted toward Faculty of Graduate Studies course requirements. A student who receives a grade of F will normally be required to withdraw unless the program recommends otherwise.

Academic Honesty:

Plagiarism is not tolerated at the University of Calgary and has serious consequences. Your essays/presentations must be your own work and inadequate referencing may be seen as plagiarism. Please see the relevant sections on Academic Misconduct in the current University Calendar. If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor.

Student Ombudsperson and Students' Union Representative

The Office of the Student Ombuds provides independent, impartial and confidential support for students who require assistance and advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. See www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds for more information.

Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints. Please check this website and not the nearest assembly point for this course.

Safewalk

The Safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus (including McMahon Stadium, Health Sciences, Student Family Housing, the Alberta Children's Hospital and the University LRT station). This service is free and available to students, staff and campus visitors 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. Call 403-220-5333 or use one of the Help phones located throughout campus to request a walk.