

POLI 113A: East Asian Political Thought

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Course Description

The purpose of this course is to provide students with an analytic introduction to East Asian political thought and culture from 551 BC to the present.

Grading

Course grades will be based on one take home midterm (worth 40% of the final grade) and one take home final (worth 60%). *Both exams must be submitted in digital format through the Turnitin assignment link on TritonEd.* It is not necessary to submit a hardcopy.

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Students suspected of plagiarism will be reported to the Academic Integrity Office. If you have questions about what constitutes plagiarism, please visit the UCSD academic integrity office's website at <https://academicintegrity.ucsd.edu>.

If you need help writing these exam essays, you are encouraged to make an appointment with the UCSD writing center (<http://commons.ucsd.edu/students/writing/index.html>).

Specific deadlines, instructions, and submission guidelines will be announced when the exam prompts are posted to TritonEd. The midterm prompts are included in this document.

Podcasting

All lectures will be available via podcast at <https://podcast.ucsd.edu/>.

Course Readings

The required course readings are:

- Xinzhong Yao, *An Introduction to Confucianism* (Entire book by Week 5)
- C.C. Tsai, *The Analects: An Illustrated Edition* (Entire book by Week 5)
- W.T. de Bary, *Sources of Chinese Tradition*, Vol.1 (Mencius, Xunzi, and Analects, plus either Zhu Xi or Wang Yangming by Week 9)

Teaching Assistants

The TAs for this course are Mariana Carvalho Barbosa, Todd Levinson, Stan Oklobdzija, Michael Seese, and Liesel Spangler.

Please direct all email communication to Michael Seese at mseese@ucsd.edu.

Midterm Assignment

Choose and answer one of the following:

1. Explain the paradox of proper order and illustrate it with the work of the district magistrate, 8-10 pages (sources: lectures).
2. Explain the core concepts of East Asian thought, 6-7 pages (sources: Yao and relevant lectures).
3. Explain the Analects used in the lectures and the illustrated Analects, 6-7 pages.
4. Explain the problem of elite regulation, 6-7 pages (sources: lectures, de Bary, Yao).