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Poli 113A: East Asian Thought in Comparative Perspective

Summer Session I, 2019

Professor Victor Magagna

M/W, 11:00AM – 1:50PM

1 Course Overview

The purpose of this course is to provide students with an introduction to the East Asian tradition of political theory and action. Course themes include the paradox of proper order, the problem of moral markets, and the issue of lasting legacies.

2 Email Policy

All emails *must* be directed to poli113a.TAs@gmail.com. Emails sent to a particular TA will *not* receive a reply. Due to the size of the class, please allow up to three business days for us to reply to your inquiry. This email address will be actively managed until August 6 at noon. Please contact the course instructor (magagna@ucsd.edu) for additional questions after this date.

3 Readings and Schedule

3.1 Required Readings

You are responsible for completing selected readings in the following books. (Editions do not matter.) You can also purchase the required texts from the UCSD bookstore or a third-party online bookstore.

- Xinzhong Yao. 2000. *An Introduction to Confucianism*. Cambridge University Press.
- Wm. Theodore de Bary, and Irene Bloom. 1999. *Sources of Chinese Tradition, Vol. I: From Earliest Times to 1600*. Columbia University Press.

3.2 Schedule

Below is a general schedule of the course. Note that particular pages will be announced in class.

- Weeks 1–3: Yao

- Weeks 4–5: de Bary, selections from:
 - Confucius
 - Mencius
 - Xun Zi
 - Zhu Xi

4 Assignments

4.1 General Information

- The midterm exam (40% of finals grades) will be due on July 19, 12PM.
- The final exam (60% of finals grades) will be due on Aug 2, 12PM.
- Both exams will be 6–7 pages and students will answer one essay question from a list of prompts.
- Students must submit all essays to Turnitin.com. Specific deadlines and submission instructions will be announced when the assignments are uploaded to TritonEd.

4.2 Extension Policy

We do *not* offer extensions for the exams. If an emergency occurs or a University-related duty prevents you from submitting your assignment on time, you *must* let your academic advisor or a staff member from the Dean's office contact us on your behalf. We do not accept late assignments without an official letter documenting the situation. For details, please check Section 5.5 of the syllabus. Please send all correspondences to poli113a.TAs@gmail.com.

4.3 Midterm Exam Late Policy

- You must turn your exam in by the deadline to receive full credit. Any late exams (even by one minute late) will incur a penalty.
- If you decide to turn in your work late, you must turn in the late submission through Turnitin. We do not accept papers submitted through emails. The Turnitin system will automatically apply the late penalty after a grade is assigned to the paper.
- Papers will be penalized by 1/3 of a letter grade for each day late (e.g., A– → B+, etc.).
- For example, if the exam is due on July 19 at 12PM, then an originally A– paper would become B+ if you turn in the paper on July 19 at 12:01PM; it will become B if you turn in the paper on July 20 at 12:01PM; it will become B– if you turn in the paper on July 21 at 12:01PM...

4.4 Final Exam Late Policy

- Papers received between August 2 12:01PM and August 3 12PM will be penalized by 1/3 of a letter grade (e.g. A⁻ → B⁺).
- Papers received between August 3 12:01PM and August 4 12PM will be penalized by 2/3 of a letter grade (e.g. A⁻ → B).
- Papers received between August 4 12:01PM and August 5 12PM will be penalized by a letter grade (e.g. A⁻ → B⁻).
- According to the University policy, all grades must be final as of August 6. To ensure sufficient time for administrative duties, we can only accept and grade papers received by August 5 at noon. That is, papers not received by August 5 at 12:01PM will receive a grade of *zero*.

4.5 Midterm Exam Regrade Policy

If you believe you've received a grade that does not reflect the quality of your work, please send your name, 1 page of explanation (typed in a Word document), along with the original paper to the course email. Requests to regrade the midterm exam must be received within 7 days since the grades are released. Note that the updated grade may be higher, the same, or lower than the original grade, and the updated grade will be final.

4.6 Final Exam Regrade Policy

According to the University policy, all grades must be final as of August 6. Since the deadline of the final exam is August 2, the TAs are unable to provide regrades of the final exam due to the tight time constraint. If you believe you've received a grade that does not reflect the quality of your work, please contact the professor. Regrade request is not guaranteed, and if regrade is provided, the updated grade may be higher, the same, or lower than the original grade, and the updated grade will be final. If you believe you've received a grade based on nonacademic criteria such as discrimination, you can appeal the grade. Please read the Academic Senate policy [Regulation 502 – Grade Appeals] for more details.

4.7 Grade Scale Conversion

- How to read this table: The “Numeric” column records the *lowest* grade that you need to get a letter grade in the “Letter” column. For example, if you want an A, then you need to get at least 94%. If you want an A⁻, then you need at least 90%, etc.
- Rounding: We apply rounding to your final course grade by 0.50%. That is, if you receive a final grade of 89.50%, then it will be rounded up to 90.0%, which is equivalent to an A⁻. Similarly, if your final grade is 89.49%, then it will be rounded down to 89.0%, which is equivalent to a B⁺.

Lowest Numeric Score to Get...			
<i>Letter</i>	<i>Numeric</i>	<i>Letter</i>	<i>Numeric</i>
A+	98	C+	76
A	94	C	73
A-	90	C-	70
B+	86	D	60
B	83	F	<60
B-	80		

5 Fine Prints

5.1 Teaching Assistants

The teaching assistants for Poli 113A are: Jiying Jiang, Zoe Nemerever, Hernan Picatto, and Shane Xuan. Office hours with the TAs are by appointment only.

5.2 Absence Policy

You do not need to let us know if you have to miss a class. However, it's your responsibility to catch up with the class if you decide to miss the class. We do not provide specific tutoring session or office hour just for you if you miss a class.

5.3 Lecture Notes and Podcast

Lecture notes will be posted on TritonEd. Podcast will be available at <https://podcast.ucsd.edu/>.

5.4 Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

All of your graded work must be done by you. If you are unfamiliar with the University's policy on academic integrity, please see <https://academicintegrity.ucsd.edu/>.

5.5 Extenuating Circumstances

Exceptions to the published University deadlines and policies could be granted only in extenuating circumstances beyond your control (hospitalization, etc.). If an emergency occurs, you must let your academic advisor or a staff member from the Dean's office to send us a letter documenting the situation.

5.6 Additional Resources

If you need help writing assignments, you are encouraged to make an appointment with the writing center <https://writingcenter.ucsd.edu>.