UGA 2160 - Mainstream Chinese Philosophical Thought

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Course Description
The course introduces the philosophical thought of Confucianism, Daoism and Buddhism so as to give students a deep understanding of the roots of Chinese values and culture. As a cornerstone of Chinese culture, Confucianism contributes to the establishment of the human moral way by articulating a conception of humans as moral subjects. Daoism stresses the pursuit of an ideal life by understanding the changes of the universe, while Buddhism applied the concept of karma to show how the ultimate cause of human suffering lies in ignorance. Other Chinese philosophical thought such as Mohism, Legalism and the School of Yin and Yang may also be covered.

Content
1. The relationship between Chinese culture and Chinese philosophy
2. Special characteristics in Chinese philosophy
3. Confucianism
4. Daoism
5. Buddhism
6. Other Chinese philosophical thoughts: Mohism, Legalism, the School of Yin and Yang etc.
7. Chinese philosophy and Chinese political thoughts
8. Chinese philosophy and Chinese art
9. Chinese philosophy and Education

Required readings

Recommended reading list/ references