

Comparative Philosophy: China and the West

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The focus of the course will be a careful reading of representative texts of the Confucian and Daoist lineages: the Analects of Confucius, the Zhong Yong, the Xiao Jing, the Daodejing, selections from Zhuangzi and the Huainanzi. The objective will be to struggle with imagination to take the Chinese philosophical tradition on its own terms.

To this end, we will use several sources?the Book of Changes, Traditional Chinese Medicine, Tang Junyi on Chinese natural cosmology?to establish a lens through which to read these canonical texts. This lens provide us with an interpretive context, and will enable us to be sensitive to the presuppositions we are likely to bring to the texts. Over the tenure of the course, we will attempt to develop a nuanced and sophisticated appreciation of the basic vocabulary of Chinese philosophy.

FURTHER INFORMATION>>

THE BASICS:

Tuition: RMB 10,000

Accommodation costs: RMB 2,700 - 4,050

Field-trip costs: NA

Target audience:

- Undergraduate students in an economics or business major
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