AST 398 is a course organized and directed by faculty and approved by the Asian Studies Program Director to meet the particular interests and/or needs of specific students. This particular section entails a study of the origins and development of traditional East Asian thought from the 5th century BCE through the 12th century CE.

**Assessment:**

- Weekly reading responses to primary sources (due each Friday by 8 a.m.) = 25% of final grade
- Annotated bibliography of secondary sources (entries due each Friday by 8 a.m.) = 25% of final grade
- Analytical essay (20-25 pages with bibliography, due August 1) = 50% of final grade

*For guidelines regarding annotated bibliography entries, see:

[http://www.library.cornell.edu/olinuris/ref/research/skill28.htm](http://www.library.cornell.edu/olinuris/ref/research/skill28.htm)

**Materials:**

- Various secondary sources available online or from Hutchins Library

**Assignments:**

**Week 1 (June 7-13)**

*Roots of Confucian Thought*

**PRIMARY SOURCES:**

- “The Growth of Humanism” (*SBCP* 3-13)
- “The Humanism of Confucius” (*SBCP* 14-48)
- “Idealistic Confucianism: Mencius” (*SBCP* 49-83)
- “Moral and Social Programs: The Great Learning” (*SBCP* 84-94)
- “Spiritual Dimensions: The Doctrine of the Mean” (*SBCP* 95-114)
- “Naturalistic Confucianism: Hsü̇n Tzu” (*SBCP* 115-135)

**SECONDARY SOURCES:**

Week 2 (June 14-20)

Rivals of Confucian Thought

PRIMARY SOURCES:

• “The Natural Way of Lao Tzu” (*SBCP* 136-176)
• “The Mystical Way of Chuang Tzu” (*SBCP* 177-210)
• “Mo Tzu’s Doctrines of Universal Love, Heaven, and Social Welfare” (*SBCP* 211-231)
• “Legalism” (*SBCP* 251-261)

SECONDARY SOURCES:


Week 3 (June 21-27)

The Han Dynasty Synthesis

PRIMARY SOURCES:

• “The Yin Yang School” (*SBCP* 244-250)
• “The Philosophy of Change” (*SBCP* 262-270)
• “Yin Yang Confucianism: Tung Chung-shu” (*SBCP* 271-288)
• “Taoistic Confucianism: Yang Hsiung” (*SBCP* 289-291)
• “Neo-Taoism” (*SBCP* 314-335)
• Han Kangbo, “[Commentary on] Explaining the Trigrams [Shuo gua]” (*CC* 119-124)
• “Punishment and Virtue” (*RHCT* 37-44)
• Lu Jia, “Nonaction” (*RHCT* 53-57)
• Chao Cuo, “Responses to an Imperial Edict” (*RHCT* 57-63)
• Lu Jia, “The Basis of the Way” (*RHCT* 69-72)

SECONDARY SOURCES:


Week 4 (June 28-July 4)

The Development of Buddhist Thought

PRIMARY SOURCES:

• “Introduction” (*OBS* 1-7)
• “Introduction to Mahāyāna Buddhist Literature” (*OBS* 137-162)
• “Prajñāpāramitā Literature” (*OBS* 163-170)
• “Mahāyāna School of Thought: Yogācāra” (*OBS* 213-224)
• “The Seven Early Buddhist Schools” (*SBCP* 336-342)
• “Seng-chao’s Doctrine of Reality” (*SBCP* 343-356)
• “The Philosophy of Emptiness” (*SBCP* 357-369)
• “Buddhist Idealism” (*SBCP* 370-395)
• “The One-and-All Philosophy” (*SBCP* 406-424)

SECONDARY SOURCES:

Week 5 (July 5-11)

The Development of Taoist Thought

PRIMARY SOURCES:
- “The Taoism of Huai-nan Tzu” (SBCP 305-308)
- “Negative Taoism in the Lieh Tzu and the ‘Yang Chu Chapter’” (SBCP 309-313)
- “Introduction” (TTE 1-7)
- “The Tao in the World” (TTE 19-24)
- “Pure and Tranquil” (TTE 24-29)
- “Scriptures Create the Universe” (TTE 35-43)
- “The Transformations of Laozi” (TTE 71-80)
- “The Path” (TTE 80-86)
- “One in All” (TTE 215-219)
- “Two Kinds of Observation” (TTE 223-228)

SECONDARY SOURCES:

Week 6 (July 12-18)

The Buddhization of East Asia

PRIMARY SOURCES:
- “Wŏnhyo’s Buddhist Philosophy” (SOKT 80-90)
- “Ŭisang and the Flower Garland School” (SOKT 90-93)
- “Wŏnch’uk and the Consciousness-Only School” (SOKT 93-101)
- “Saichō: Explaining the Precepts” (SOJT 141-142)
- “Regulations for Students of the Mountain School in Six Articles” (SOJT 145-149)
- “Kūkai and Esoteric Buddhism” (SOJT 153-174)
- “Annen: Maxims for the Young (Dōjikyō)” (SOJT 193-196)

SECONDARY SOURCES:

Week 7 (July 19-25)

The Legacies of Taoism in East Asia

PRIMARY SOURCES:
- “Holy Mother of Mount Fairy Peach” (SOKT 51-53)
- “Taoism” (SOKT 73-77)
- “Taoism and Shamanism” (SOKT 249-251)
- “Sex and Buddhahood – A Shingon Heresy” (SOJT 188-189)
- “Yoshida Kanetomo: Prime Shinto” (SOJT 346-358)
- “Kitabatake Chikafusa: Chronicle of the Direct Descent of Gods and Sovereigns (Jinnō shōtōki)” (SOJT 358-363)
- “Drink Tea and Prolong Life” (SOJT 393-395)

SECONDARY SOURCES:
Week 8 (July 26-August 1)

The Confucian Revival in East Asia

PRIMARY SOURCES:

- “The Neo-Confucian Metaphysics and Ethics in Chou Tun-i” (SBCP 460-480)
- “The Western Inscription” (SBCP 495-500)
- “The Great Synthesis in Chu Hsi” (SBCP 588-653)
- “The Development of Confucian Polity I” (SOKT 156-168)
- “The Confucian Scholar” (SOKT 177-179)
- “The Family” (SOKT 182-185)
- “The Seventeen-Article Constitution of Prince Shōtoku” (SOJT 50-55)
- “Chinese-Style History and the Imperial Concept” (SOJT 63-75)

SECONDARY SOURCES:


Sugawara no Michizane 菅原道真 (845-903 CE), Japanese poet and statesman

Deified as Tenjin 天神, Shintō deity of scholarship

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