

Comparative Philosophy: Chinese and Western

Department: Fudan International Summer Session 2023

Course Code	PHIL170002		
Course Title	Comparative Philosophy: Chinese and Western		
Credit	2	Credit Hours	36 credit hours
Course Objectives	<p>On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe and explain famous philosophical ideas and the philosophers throughout Western history. 2. Critically assess and evaluate philosophical ideas with multiple angles. 3. Identify important philosophical ideas and associated philosophers. 4. Understand and appreciate the difference between Chinese and Western philosophical traditions. 		
Course Description	<p>The first part of the course will introduce the main concepts and ideas elicited by the leading western philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle, Kant, etc. This course will largely examine western philosophers' ideas and their intellectual vision of the way of thinking. Additionally, students will be encouraged to critically analyze and propose personal opinions and arguments to these philosophical ideas and the influence to the development of human behavior and thought that apply to the modern world rather than just learning philosophy from the textbook. The second part of the course will compare the Western philosophy with the philosophical thoughts of Ancient Chinese. Students will be encouraged to discuss the difference with the two traditions, in order to better understand their own culture.</p>		
Course Requirements:			
Prerequisites:			
None			
Teaching Methods:			
Lecture			
Course Schedule			
Class 1: Introduction; Pre-Socratics and the Origin of Western Philosophy			
Class 2: Socrates, Plato and Aristotle			
Class 3: Medieval Philosophy			
Class 4: Early Modern Rationalism and Empiricism, I			
Class 5: Early Modern Rationalism and Empiricism, II			
Class 6: Early Modern Rationalism and Empiricism, III			
Class 7: Kant and Hegel, I			

Class 8: Kant and Hegel, II

Class 9: Chinese and Western Philosophy, I: Pre 1 (Fung, chs. 1-7.)

Class 10: Chinese and Western Philosophy, II: Pre 2 (Fung, chs. 8-14.)

Class 11: Chinese and Western Philosophy, III: Pre 3 (Fung, chs. 15-22.)

Class 12: Final exam

The design of class discussion or exercise, practice, experience and so on:

TBA

Grading & Evaluation:

1. Class Participation 10%
2. Presentation 40%
3. Final Exam 50%

Teaching Materials & References:

1. Anthony Kenny, *An Illustrated Brief History of Western Philosophy*. Blackwell, 1994.
2. Fung Yu-Lan, *A Short History of Chinese Philosophy*. The Free Press, 1966.