

PHILOSOPHY 101

Introduction to Asian Philosophy

Fall 2018

Second Essay Exam

Chinese Philosophy

Due Monday, November 19

Write a 4-5 page essay on the following topic. The paper should be double-spaced with proper 1 inch margins. Upload the essay to Laulima as an attached Word document or PDF file.

The Dispute Concerning the Dao

Citing from the primary sources, and using some of the relevant key terms, explain the difference between the Confucian and Daoist understanding of the *Dao*. How did Mengzi and Xunzi develop the Confucian understanding of the *Dao*? What did Laozi and Zhuangzi recommend about attuning to the *Dao*? To what extent are these ancient Chinese Philosophies relevant for us today?

Grading Rubric

1) Writing (20%)

Grammar and spelling, composition and style. Your essay should be well organized. There should be an introduction, development of a theme, and a conclusion.

2) Content (50%)

The essay should reflect an adequate understanding of the texts. Your exposition of the texts should include some citations from the primary text material. All quotes should be properly marked within the text and must include a reference to the text cited.

3) Reflection (30%)

Your own thoughtful reflections on the topic.