Dr. Taylor       **Asian Humanities**    CRN  10572  Hum 2410

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**TEXTBOOK:**

We are not using a textbook this semester. Instead, we are using Open Electronic Resources (OER), which will be embedded in the modules. There will be reading assignments from those resources and study questions that correspond to the assigned readings.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Examines dominant ideas and arts in South and East Asian cultures as expressed in philosophy, literature, art, architecture, and music. Focuses on India, China, and Japan, and gives a brief overview of Viet Nam and Korea; covers period from earliest civilization until present.

**PREREQUISITE:**

Satisfactory completion of ENC 1101 (Freshman Composition I).

NOTE: ANY student found to lack this prerequisite will be withdrawn from the course without credit or tuition refund.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

To provide opportunities for student growth in these VCC competencies: 1) Think critically and make reasoned choices by acquiring, analyzing, synthesizing, and evaluating knowledge; 2) read and write effectively; 3) clarify personal values and goals in relation to cultural values; 4) recognize the value of aesthetics and learn to make aesthetic judgments.

To provide reinforcement in these CLAST competencies: 1) Literal and critical reading comprehension; 2) such essay skills as select a subject, formulate a thesis, provide supporting details, revise for clarity and conformity; 3) writing skills such as sentence structure and punctuation.

**Canvas and Atlas Email System**

The instructor will use the Canvas email and announcement system (which may be forwarded to students’ Atlas email accounts) for contacting students on a regular basis. Each student is required to check their Canvas and Atlas email regularly (that means more than once a week) so that they do not miss any important announcements from the instructor. The instructor is not responsible for information or assignments that are missed because a student failed to check their Canvas and Atlas email frequently.

**ONLINE ENVIRONMENT**

For the online portion of this class, the capacity for self-directed learning is crucial. While instructors and fellow students can provide some support, the online learner is expected to provide the internal motivation to manage his or her own learning during the course of study and have a basic grasp of Internet navigation skills and word processing skills. Canvas is used to deliver all of the instruction in this online course and the student is responsible to learn to use this delivery system. Students should visit the course at least every 48 hours to remain up-to-date on communications from the instructor and fellow students.

**Gordon Rule Requirements:**

This course requires the student to write multiple college level writing assignments.  Completion with a final grade of “C” or better will partially satisfy the requirements of State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.30.

**Failure to complete ANY PORTION of the Gordon Rule Requirement will incur a grade of “D” or lower, no matter the student’s previous average.**

**Attendance Counts**

**Attendance During the First Week of Classes**

Attendance during the first week of classes is mandatory.  Anyone who misses the assignments during the first week of class will be withdrawn as a “No Show”—no exceptions.

Attendance will be counted by participation in weekly assignments. If a student misses a week's deadline for its assignments, which could be a Discussion Board, a Quiz,  a Test, or even a paper,  the student will be marked absent for that week.

**TESTING:**

There will be **3**objective exams (one on India, one on China, one on Japan), which will consist of essays, short answer, fill in the blank, multiple choice questions and slide identifications.

* Exams **must**be taken within the scheduled week.
* You may use your study guides, notes, and book with your exam.
* Please, do not use the internet to search for answers. All of the questions are based on class materials.
* The exams are timed. Be sure you are ready to take the exam when you begin it and that you will not be interrupted or distracted. The exams **will not be reopened.**

**QUIZZES:**

Quizzes will be given periodically throughout the semester, and their dates are noted on the class schedule and in the modules.  The purpose of these quizzes is to ensure that students are keeping up with their reading assignments.

Each quiz will be open for one week, and must be completed by the deadline. Quizzes not completed by the deadline will receive a zero grade and count as an absence for that week.

**INTERRUPTED QUIZZES OR EXAMS**

Occasionally, it happens that your server, computer, or Canvas has an error while you are taking a quiz or an exam, and you need to have the exam or quiz reset. If that happens, you can contact me to help you if I am able to—**only if the deadline has not passed.**If you email me at 9:55 pm when your quiz is due by 10:00 pm that same day, you should not expect a response from me before the deadline. By the following day, when I read your email, the deadline will have passed and you will not be eligible to retake or take the quiz you missed. Please plan accordingly. Try not to procrastinate and leave everything until the last day. Every Quiz and every Test will be open for a full week. You have seven days within which to complete the assignment.

**WRITING ASSIGNMENTS**

There will be two main writing assignments based on the assigned readings. Each writing assignment will be comparative in nature and based solely on the textbook and lecture materials. No outside sources are allowed. If material is quoted or paraphrased from the textbook, it must be properly cited within the paper.

**REQUIREMENTS:**Each paper should contain a minimum of 2 **full pages** of writing.  Papers should be typed, double-spaced, with one-inch margins at top, bottom, and sides and 12 standard size print, preferably Times New Roman font.

* **They will be submitted electronically and checked for plagiarism when submitted.**

**PAPER FORMAT**

Try to view papers as expanded versions of the Five Paragraph Essay, obviously with the option of having more than five paragraphs!

There should be a distinct **Introduction**that provides general background information to your paper topic.  The Intro must include a well-defined **Thesis Statement**giving the purpose/intent of your paper and stating the examples to be focused on for support of your thesis statement.

The **Body**of the paper should set forth and examine evidence that supports your thesis statement.  It should follow the order of your examples as set forth by the Thesis statement.

The **Conclusion** of your paper should be a distinct paragraph after the Body.  The Conclusion should sum up your major points of evidence and demonstrate clear (logical) proof of your thesis statement.

Papers will be graded based on Content and Grammar, so please spell-check AND proof-read your papers.  Papers should be proof-read and error free.

**PLAGIARISM**

If a paper is plagiarized it will be returned to the student as unacceptable.  Plagiarism in the paper of any sort will result in an “F” for the paper. If a student turns in a “recycled” paper—in other words, one that the professor has previously graded—it will receive a “0” with no chance for a rewrite.

**What is Plagiarism?**

(taken from Valencia’s webpages on Plagiarism at http://www.valenciacc.edu/library/west/recommended/plagiarism.asp)

Many people think of plagiarism as copying another's work, or borrowing someone else's original ideas. But terms like "copying" and "borrowing" can disguise the seriousness of the offense:

According to the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary, to "plagiarize" means

* to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own
* to use (another's production) without crediting the source
* to commit literary theft
* to present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source.
* In other words, plagiarism is an act of fraud. It involves both stealing someone else's work and lying about it afterward.

**But can words and ideas really be stolen?**
According to U.S. law, the answer is yes. The expression of original ideas is considered intellectual property, and is protected by copyright laws, just like original inventions. Almost all forms of expression fall under copyright protection as long as they are recorded in some way (such as a book or a computer file).

**All of the following are considered plagiarism:**

* turning in someone else's work as your own
* copying words or ideas from someone else without giving credit
* failing to put a quotation in quotation marks
* giving incorrect information about the source of a quotation
* changing words but copying the sentence structure of a source without giving credit
* copying so many words or ideas from a source that it makes up the majority of your work,
* whether you give credit or not (see our section on "fair use" rules)
* Most cases of plagiarism can be avoided, however, by citing sources.
* Simply acknowledging that certain material has been borrowed, and providing your audience with the information necessary to find that source, is usually enough to prevent plagiarism. See Valencia’s webpage dedicated to plagiarism and citation for more information on how to cite sources properly.

**GUIDELINES AND GRADING CRITERIA FOR DISCUSSION BOARDS**

Students are required to post to the Discussion Board on a regular basis, as this is the only way to create a "classroom" atmosphere.

* All original threads should contain a minimum of five (5) complete sentences, and must be posted by **11:59 pm on Wednesday**of the week for which it is assigned. Anyone who does not post their initial thread by the deadline on Wednesday will automatically receive a zero for the Discussion Board, and it will count as an “absence.” (See the Attendance Policy for how “absences”—in the form of missed assignments or discussions—will affect a student’s status in the course.)
* You should respond to the posts of two other students. These responses should each contain a minimum of three (3) sentences (not counting the greeting) and should be posted by 11:59 pm on Sunday of the week for which it is assigned. Please include a greeting that includes the name of the students you are responding to. (Example: "Hi, Katrina. I really like what you said about so-and-so, but here's how I feel about that . . .)
* You must edit your work before posting. If a post contains numerous spelling, grammar or sentence structure errors, no points will be given.

**Posts will be graded according to the following criteria:**

* Mastery of the subject matter and concepts
* Evidence of strong critical thinking skills through analysis, synthesis, and/or evaluation
* Writing that is clear, edited, articulate, and free of major grammatical errors
* Thoughtful, engaging responses to classmates' posts that enrich the discussion

**GRADING:**

Test Average exams = 40% of final grade

Writing Assignments average = 25% of final grade

Quizzes and homework assignments = 15% of final grade

Attendance and Participation = 5% of final grade

Discussion Boards = 15% of final grade

Grading Scale: 100-90=A, 89-80=B, 79-70=C, 69-60=D, 59 and below=F

**Grades are put into Canvas as soon as I finish grading an assignment. Please check Canvas regularly in order to know your current overall grade as well as individual scores for assignments.**

**WITHDRAWAL FROM CLASS**

The withdrawal deadline for the Spring Semester 2023 is March 24, 2023. Students may not withdraw after this date.

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

All forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited at Valencia College.  Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, furnishing false information, forgery, alteration or misuse of documents, misconduct during a testing situation, and misuse of identification with intent to defraud or deceive. Any student determined by the professor to have been guilty of engaging in an act of academic dishonesty shall be subject to a range of academic penalties as determined by the professor. These penalties may include, but not be limited to, one or more of the following: loss of credit for an assignment, examination, or project; reduction in the course grade; or a grade of "F" in the course.

For further detail, refer to the Student Code of Conduct in the current Valencia Student Handbook.

**\*NOTE:**

This outline may be altered, at the instructor's discretion, during the course of the semester. Students are responsible for informing themselves of changes announced in class.

**NOTE TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:**

Please schedule a conference with the instructor so that we can arrange assignments or testing to assure your best chance to succeed in this course

***Statement of support for students with food/housing/financial needs:***

·         *Any student who has difficulty accessing sufficient food to eat, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live, and believes this may affect his or her performance in the course, is urged to meet with a Counselor in the Advising Center for information about resources that may be available from the college or community.*

**SUMMARY OF COURSE POLICIES**

* Students must take the syllabus Quiz and post an introduction on the Discussion Board **by 11:59 pm on the first Sunday after the semester begins**in order not to be dropped from the course as a “No Show.”
* Deadline for taking quizzes and tests: Quizzes and tests are each open for a week and must be completed by **11:59 pm on the Sunday.**
* Deadline for submitting homework assignments: Some homework assignments will be due by 11:59 pm on Wednesdays, and others will be due by 11:59 pm on Sundays. Students are responsible for knowing the due dates for each assignment. Specific information about each assignment can be found by clicking on "Tasks" at the top of each weekly module. Late work will not be accepted unless there are extenuating circumstances that can be proven by appropriate documentation.
* Participation and contribution to class discussions via the Discussion Board are required for successful completion of the course. When discussions are assigned during a given week, each student must post their **initial thread by 11:59 pm each Wednesday**, and **respond to two other students by 11:59 pm on Sunday**. Anyone who does not post their initial thread by the deadline on Wednesday will automatically receive a zero for the entire Discussion Board, and it will count as an "absence."
* Academic honesty: Throughout this course, we will discuss our opinions and insights openly. However, when it comes to assignments, quizzes, or exams, you may not share answers with another classmate. Academic honesty is absolutely maintained in this course. You will receive a zero for any assignment that is plagiarized, and may receive a failing grade for the course.
* Communication with Professor: Valencia faculty and staff communicate with students through Atlas and Canvas. It is your responsibility to check the course messages and course announcements in Canvas and your Atlas e-mail on a regular basis. Failure to check your messages and email does not excuse you from any notices that may be sent to you. When communicating with your professors, you should use professional standards of etiquette. Emails should include a greeting and closing and should be respectful in tone.
* The professor is not responsible for any technical issues. These issues should be resolved with the help of Canvas Support (Phone 407-582-5600).
* Discussion Etiquette: Please refrain from making any disparaging or disrespectful comments to any participant in the course and limit your comments to those which directly relate to the topic of discussion.
* Quizzes will be open for one week prior to the deadline for taking them, and unit tests one week prior. Quizzes and tests must be completed once they are opened.
	+ You will not be allowed to open a quiz or test, save your work, and return to finish it.
	+ Once opened, you must complete it.
	+ They also must be completed by the due date.
	+ Please do not procrastinate.

*The Way that can be told of is not an Unvarying Way;*

*The names that can be named are not unvarying names.*

*It was from the Nameless that Heaven and Earth sprang;*

*The named is but the mother that rears the ten thousand creatures,*

*each after its kind.*

-- Tao Te Ching