



ST JOHN'S
College

GRADUATE INSTITUTE

EASTERN
CLASSICS

SEMINAR READING LIST — FALL

[Please note: Chinese names are given in two transliteration systems. The Pinyin system is the one in use today both for ordinary life and academic publications, but the older and obsolete Wade-Giles system can be found in some of our available editions, many of which were published more than fifty years ago. Both systems are attempts to render the same pronunciations: hence, Mozi (Pinyin) and Mo Tzu (Wade-Giles), Dao De Jing (Pinyin), and Tao Te Ching (Wade-Giles). A brief video on how to pronounce Chinese names on the syllabus will be available soon.]

WEEK ONE

- Confucius, *Analects*, #1–7
Any translation carried by the college bookstore is fine, but please avoid non-scholarly translations available elsewhere. If you use the Edward Slingerland translation, the reading is pp. 1–77; but please skip the commentary, both Ancient and Modern.
- Confucius, *Analects*, #8–13 (Slingerland, pp. 78–152)

WEEK TWO

- Confucius, *Analects*, #14–20 (Slingerland, pp. 153–235)
- Mo Tzu, *Basic Writings of Mo Tzu, Hsün Tzu, and Han Fei Tzu*, translated by Burton Watson (Columbia University Press) fascicles 11, 16, 17, 19, 20, 26, 27 31, 32, 35, 39; Mo Zi, Chapter 14 “Universal Love II” and Chapter 15 “Universal Love II.” Available in bound manual from the bookstore.

WEEK THREE

- Mengzi (*Meng Tzu, Mencius*), Books I–II. Please choose one of the translations carried by the bookstore.
- Mengzi (*Meng Tzu, Mencius*), Books III–IV

WEEK FOUR

- Mengzi (*Meng Tzu, Mencius*), Books V–VII.
- Xunzi (*Hsün Tzu*), *Basic Writings of Mo Tu, Hsün Tzu, and Han Fei Tzu*, translated by Burton Watson (Columbia University Press), sections 1, 2, 9, 17.

WEEK FIVE

- Xunzi (*Hsün Tzu*), sections 19–23, pp. 89–171
- Zhuangzi (*Chuang Tzu*), chapters 1–3
Please use one of the translations carried by the bookstore.

WEEK SIX

- Zhuangzi (*Chuang Tzu*), chapters 4–7.
- Zhuangzi (*Chuang Tzu*), chapters 17, 18, 19, 26.

WEEK SEVEN

- Laozi (*Lao Tzu*), *Dao De Jing (Tao Te Ching)*, Chapters 1–37. Commentaries are not necessary. Any translation carried by the bookstore is fine. Consulting multiple translations is encouraged.
- Laozi (*Lao Tzu*), *Dao De Jing (Tao Te Ching)*, Chapters 38–81

WEEK EIGHT

- Han Feizi (*Han Fei Tzu*), fascicles 20, 21. Available in bound manual from the bookstore.
- Han Feizi (*Han Fei Tzu*), *Basic Writings of Mo Tzu, Hsün Tzu, and Han Fei Tzu*, translated by Burton Watson, sections 5–10, pp. 16–72.

WEEK NINE

- Han Feizi (*Han Fei Tzu*), sections 12, 13, 17, 18, 49, 50, pp. 72–129
- *The Rig Veda: An Anthology*, translated by Wendy Doniger (Penguin), sections 10.129, 10.121, 10.90, 10.130, 10.190, 10.81–82, 10.72, 10.14, 10.16, 10.18, 10.154, 10.135, 10.58, 10.71, 10.125, 10.101, 10.151, 1.164, 1.163, 1.162, 10.56.

WEEK TEN

- *The Rig Veda*, sections 1.1, 1.26, 5.2, 2.35, 10.51, 10.124, 10.5, 8.79, 9.74, 4.58, 8.48, 10.136, 4.18, 10.28, 1.32, 2.12, 5.83, 7.101, 1.50, 1.160, 1.185, 6.70; 10.10, 1.179, 10.95, 10.85.
- “Brhadāranyaka Upaniṣad,” Parts I & II, in collections translated by either Patrick Olivelle (Oxford) or Robert Ernest Hume (Oxford).

WEEK ELEVEN

- “Brhadāranyaka Upaniṣad,” Parts III & IV.
- “Brhadāranyaka Upaniṣad,” Parts V & VI.

WEEK TWELVE [ESSAYS DUE]

- “Kāṭha Upaniṣad.”
- “Kena Upaniṣad” and “Muṇḍaka Upaniṣad.”

WEEK THIRTEEN

- “The Nyāya Sūtra,” in *A Sourcebook in Indian Philosophy*, edited by Sarvepali Radhakrishnan and Charles A. Moore (Princeton University Press), pp. 358–379.24.

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WEEK FOURTEEN

- “The Vaiśeṣika Sūtra” and “The Padārthadharmaśāstra,” *A Sourcebook in Indian Philosophy*, pp. 387–423.
- Tattva-Kaumudī, karikas 1–29. Read both the Sāṅkhya Kārikā verses and the commentary by Vacaspati Miśra. Photocopies are available in the bookstore.

WEEK FIFTEEN

- Tattva-Kaumudī, karika 30–end.
- “The Yoga Philosophy of Patañjali,” in *A Sourcebook in Indian Philosophy*, pp. 454–485.

WEEK SIXTEEN

- *The Bhagavadgītā in the Mahābhārata*, translated by J. A. B. van Buitenen (Chicago University Press), pp. 39–107.
- *The Bhagavadgītā*, pp. 107–157.