




# Applications of Chinese Philosophy in Modern Life (HUMS1321)


**Introduction** You must be fully aware to the debates and discussions raised among social, political and economic issues in recent years in Hong Kong. The situation we are facing today is pretty much the same as in the Period of Chun Qiu and Zhan Guo – which is full of different thoughts and views. In this programme, great thinkers and major schools of ancient Chinese philosophy namely Confucianism, Taoism, Mohism and Faism will be introduced. You will also have a chance to know more about thinkers in Han Dynasty and in the Western world then make the comparison. Join us and see how practical philosophy is and will be.

**Programme Type / Level** Chinese Philosophy I Introductory Course (Level 2) ([Token-required](#))


**Instructor(s)** Dr. YEUNG Chun Keung  
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**Pre-requisite** No special prerequisites are needed

**Target Participants**  S1 to S3 HKAGE students only in 2019-20 school year  
Class size: 30  
Students should be able to make commitment, be responsible and willing to discuss and elaborate their ideas to international issues.

**Medium of Instruction**  Cantonese with Chinese handouts

**Certificate**  **E-Certificate** will be awarded to participants who have:  
❖ Attended **AT LEAST 5 sessions; AND**  
❖ Completed all the assignments with **satisfactory performance**

**Intended Learning Outcomes**  Upon completion of the programme, participants should be able to:  
1. articulate better understanding to traditional schools of Chinese philosophy and the major thinkers (e.g. Confucius & Mencius, Mohism, Laozi & Zhuangzi, Xunzi & Hanfeizi, and/ or etc.);  
2. carry in-depth discussion and reflection to traditional Chinese philosophy and its implications to modern world;  
3. build a more mature mind to concern, to care and to think about oneself, others and daily living situations.

**Application Procedure** **This programme is Programmes with No Screening**  
There are no screening questions, written test or other screening methods for this type of programmes.

- Student members can select up to 5 programmes from a list of selection. Applicants have to state the priority when submitting the application. (1st priority, 2nd priority, 3rd priority, etc). 1 token is required for each programme (For programme list, please refer to the issue 18 of Gifted Gateway ([click here](#)));
- Application can only be submitted once. Once it is submitted, the priority and the programme selection cannot be changed;
- If a student member removes a programme from the application before the application deadline by withdrawal, the choice priority will remain unchanged. (For example: A student has selected three programmes and removed the programme with the 1st priority from the application. The choices of 2nd and 3rd priority will remain unchanged with no promotion in priority.);
- We will select the students based on the student's choice of priorities and a randomly generated selection by the computer system. If there is time clash between the applied programme and other programmes with offer, HKAGE will consider if the application will be accepted;
- Priority will be given to student members who have not completed the applied programmes;
- Student members should avoid applying programmes with time clash;

- The decision of HKAGE on the result of selection should be final.

Application  
Deadline

23 Apr 2020, 12:00 n.n.

Application Result  
Release Date

29 Apr 2020

Student members may withdraw from the programme on or before the deadline. Otherwise, the token will be deducted.

### Schedule



Session	Date	Time	Content	Venue(HKAGE)
1	25-Jul 14 Nov	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Understanding the historical background of the Period of Chun Qiu and Zhan Guo and what the great thinkers concern	Room 403 Room 206
2	4-Aug- 21 Nov		Exploring how Confucianism and other schools discuss about the human nature	Room 303 Room 206
3	8-Aug- 28 Nov		Exploring how Taoism and other schools discuss about the meaning of life	
4	15-Aug- 5 Dec		Exploring how Mohism and other schools discuss about diplomacy and wars	
5	22-Aug- 12 Dec		Exploring how Faism and other schools discuss about legislation and governance	
6	29-Aug- 19 Dec		Applying those thoughts and implications to today Hong Kong	

### Sample Examples for the Programme


#### 篇章二：〈莊子·齊物論〉

昔者莊周夢為胡蝶，栩栩然胡蝶也，自喻適志與，不知周也。俄然覺，則蘧蘧然周也。不知周之夢為胡蝶與，胡蝶之夢為周與？周與胡蝶，則必有分矣。此之謂「物化」。

#### 語譯

往昔莊周做夢變為蝴蝶，翩然起舞是蝴蝶了，自以為愉悅適意，不知自己是莊周。不久醒來，則驚覺自己是莊周。不知是莊周做夢變為蝴蝶呢，還是蝴蝶做夢變為莊周呢？莊周與蝴蝶則必有區別，這叫做「事物的變化」。

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