College of Arts – Online Course Outline Template

Course Code:	Section:	Semester:
PHIL*3920		W13
Course Title:		
CHINESE PHILOSOPHY		
Instructor:		
KENNETH DORTER		
Brief course Synopsis:		
A survey of Chinese philosophy, focusing especially on Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism, and Neoconfucianism. Class discussion will be devoted to figures between the 6th century BCE (Confucius and Lao Tzu) and the 16th century CE (Wang Yangming). Other philosophers will be dealt with in the essays and outside reading.		
<u>Course requirements</u> : a) either two 1250 word essays (25% each) or one 2500 word essay on works not covered in class (50%), and b) a final exam on the class readings (50%).		
<u>Required Texts:</u> Wing-tsit Chan, A Source Book in Chinese Philosophy (Princeton: ISBN 0-691-01964-9); Yu-lan Fung, A Short History of Chinese Philosophy (Free Press: ISBN 0684836343).		