

5.00 credits

30.0 h

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This biannual learning is being organized in 2026-2027

Teacher(s)	Machek David ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites	None.
Main themes	This course aims to provide students with a historical overview of the major currents of philosophy as they developed within the Chinese cultural sphere. It seeks to define what philosophy is, its origins, and the position it occupies in Chinese culture. The course introduces the most influential thinkers as well as the central issues that have shaped philosophical debates.
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : 1 understand the nature and role of philosophy within the Chinese cultural sphere; 2 situate Chinese philosophers and schools of thought in their historical context; 3 situate philosophy in relation to other forms of thought operating within this cultural sphere; 4 identify the central issues addressed in Chinese philosophy and assess their significance; 5 use the tools necessary for studying Chinese thought in its philosophical dimension, both at a general and more advanced level.
Evaluation methods	Évaluation continue. La note finale sera composée des notes obtenues lors des trois tests écrits au cours du semestre (le premier comptant pour 20 %, le deuxième et le troisième pour 40 % chacun). Continuous assessment. The final grade will be based on three written tests during the semester: the first counting for 20%, the second and third for 40% each.
Teaching methods	Lectures will be based on preparatory readings done outside of class.
Content	The course offers an introduction to early Chinese thought, focusing in particular on the Confucian tradition, Mohism, and Daoism, based on close readings of selected key passages from the original texts. These passages will be studied with attention to their broader dialectical framework as well as their cultural and historical context.
Faculty or entity in charge	EHAC

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Minor in Chinese studies	MINCHIN	5		
Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies	HORI1BA	5		
Bachelor in Philosophy	FILO1BA	5		
Minor in Antiquity: Egypt, Eastern World, Greece, Rome	MINANTI	5		