



TITLE OF THE COURSE:	Daoism and Confucianism
Course code:	RAK3011
Course group:	C
Faculty:	Faculty of Humanities
Study program:	East Asian Cultures and Languages program
Level:	<i>Bachelor</i>
Semester:	<i>Spring</i>
ECTS credits:	5
Language of instruction	English
Course lecturer/s:	Gheorghe-Alexandru Fratila
Short course description:	The aim of the course is to introduce the fundamentals of Daoism and Confucianism, focusing on their historical development, typology, philosophical concepts and religious practices, traditional and modern elements, as well as their impact on Chinese traditional culture and global interpretation.
Course content:	Fundamental aspects of formation and development of Daoism and Confucianism from the diachronical perspective of the Ancient and Imperial Chinese societies. Modern interpretations and uses of Daoist and Confucianist concepts.
Learning outcomes:	Students will be able to recognize and understand the fundamental precepts of classical Daoism and Confucianism, will be familiarized with the respective literary canon, and will be able to trace the development of these currents from Antiquity up to Modernity. They will be able to discern and interpret the cultural and religious peculiarities of these two phenomena in various historical timelines.
Grading and evaluating student work in class and/or at the final exam:	Written midterm exam - 30%; written final exam - 50%; homework assignment - 20%.



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<p><i>Required reading and additional study material</i></p>	<p>Confucius: Analects; Zhuangzi: Zhuangzi; Lao-tzu: Te-tao ching : a new translation based on the recently discovered Ma-wang-tui texts; Budriūnaitė A., Vrubliauskaitė A. Laiminga žuvis. Svarbiausios Zhuangzi alegorijos ir jų komentarai; Littlejohn, Ronnie L. Daoism: an introduction; Thompson, Laurence G. Chinese religion: an introduction.</p>
<p><i>Additional information (if applicable)</i></p>	<p>Seminar classes will partly be dedicated to students presenting assignments given during the lecture time. Assessment of “homework” grading will be done during this time.</p>