

# **PHIL 190 Seminar in Philosophical Classics: A Cross-tradition Engaging Approach**

Section 80 Online Class  
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This is a seminar class in philosophical classics. In view of its catalog course description that the class is on “works of a major philosopher or philosophical tradition”, to enhance learning and exploring in this connection, this class as given in Fall 2019 is to take a cross-tradition engaging approach: focusing on a range of jointly-concerned significant philosophical issues, we are not restricted to “philosophical classics” of one single major philosopher and one single major philosophical tradition but examines how relevant resources in the philosophical classics from two major philosophical traditions (the Western and Chinese traditions) can constructively engage with each other and make joint contributions to our understanding and treatment of these issues. The philosophical classics under examination in this class include the texts that deliver the significant thoughts of such thinkers as Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Hegel, Confucius, Lao Zi, and Zhuang Zi.

**Prerequisite:** 9 units of philosophy including PHIL70A and PHIL70B or instructor consent

## **Course Format**

All the regular class communications and required class activities (such as class discussion) will be made fully online (via the class website at SJSU eCampus, with the email account as a back-up means whenever in need) without requiring in-person meetings at physical locations on SJSU campus; however, the instructor will arrange office hours on campus for those in need of face-to-face consultation.