

# PHILOSOPHY 301

*Spring 2021*

*1<sup>st</sup> Essay Assignment*

Due Monday, February 22

All papers must be properly word processed or typed with 1" margins on the top, sides and bottom. Use double-spacing and no larger than 12pt font. Turn in by uploading to Laulima as either a Word file or pdf file. Use the following format to title your file: lastname Phil 301 #1.

**Write a 3-4 page essay on the following topic:**

*The Dao of Confucius*

Using some of the important Confucian terms explain the *dao* of Confucius. What is the main difference between Meng Zi and Xun Zi in their development of the Confucian *dao*? Who would you agree more with in this dispute about the Confucian *dao*? To what extent would you agree or disagree with Confucian philosophy? To what extent is Confucian thought relevant for us today?

## Grading

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## Maximum Points

### 1) Writing

Grammar and spelling, composition and style. Your essay should be well organized. There should be an introduction, development of a theme, and a conclusion.

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### 2) Philosophical Content

The essay should reflect an adequate understanding of the texts. Your exposition of the text should include *at least two quotations* from the primary text material. All quotes should be properly marked within the text and must include a reference to the text cited.

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### 3) Commentary

Your own thoughtful reflections on the topic.

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