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EMP 7671 –The Art of War: Space-Time and Nature Philosophy

(3 Credits)

Overview of Course

The Art of War is one of well-known ancient Chinese wisdom works. Since the archaeological discovery of Yin Que Mountain (银雀山) in 1972, the significant changes of study on The Art of War has taken place around the world. But behind the Art of War, there is more valuable mystery exists.

The course is designed based on the systematically research of Sun Tzu's The Art of War and Sun Bin's The Art of War, we called these two ancient works with one name of the Art of War in this course. The philosophy of the Art of War can guide the research and understanding energy systems. This course will introduce the research results by introducing a new system to understanding space-time energy.

Course Topics:

- Background Research on The Art of War.
- Study the Military Dao(兵道) and core concepts of Sun Tzu's The Art of War 《孙子兵法》
- Study the structures of Sun Bin's The Art of War《孙膑兵法》
- Time energy with nature laws through Sun Tzu's and Sun Bin's The Art of War.
- Space energy with nature law through Sun Tzu's and Sun Bin's The Art of War.
- Study Military Yin/Yang (兵阴阳) and explore space-time energy and applications.
- The holographic philosophy in The Art of War.
- Explore the application for individual's life through their experiences.
- Space-time energy applications.

Learning Objectives:

- Student will learn the main theories and philosophy of The Art of War.
- Students will understand the nature laws and space and time energy.
- Students will explore the relationships and applications of Space-Time energy.

Audience:

This course is designed for individuals who have interests in self cognition and development through the ancient science and philosophy.

Course Description

This course introduces Sun Tzu's and Sun Bin's The Art of War the ancient Chinese wisdoms through understanding the philosophy of nature - the time, space, energy and their relationship.

The course aims to let students improve their abilities for self-cognition of energy, understand the relationship of universe, earth and human life with the core techniques of The Art of War to solve the energy imbalance problems in life.

The course will provide application techniques and tools, and guide students to analyze the life experience, master the ancient science and techniques, and use them to improve their daily life.

Faculty-Student Communication

The students could use telephone, email and skype to communicate faculty during their learning period. The professor may be able to set up one-on-one discussions with the students using Skype. Students should check email frequently for professor and EMU messages.

Course Delivery Style

Distance Education - Coursework is completed at a location determined by the student utilizing a computer that has the ability to play audio and video clips, with Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Adobe Reader, along with a current web browser, internet connection and email address.

Contact and communication with distance students is typically conducted by telephone, Internet, Skype, text chat, and email. Students are also encouraged to contact the University by facsimiles, and postal mail, and by personal visit to the University.

All lessons, coursework and papers must be copied to lessons@energymedineuniversity.org

from both the student and professor.

The course assignments, readings and explorations will be delivered through email and discussion between each student and professor.

Course Assignments and Completion Timetable

The semester has 20 weeks. Twelve assignments need to be accomplished with the following schedule. For assignments and discussion sessions, students could use both English or Chinese language. The final paper needs to be accomplished in English.

Assignment #1 (Week 1)

Read Catalog and core contents of Sun Tsu's The Art of War.

Assignment #2 (Week 2)

Read Catalog and certain chapters of Sun Bin's The Art of War.

Assignment #3 (Week 3-4)

Build the concepts of Military Yin/Yang (兵阴阳).

Assignment #4 (Week 5-6)

Research on Five related topics and the Five Elements (五行).

Assignment #5 (Week 7)

Understand the nature foundation of Dao Tian Di Jiang Fa (道、天、地、将、法).

Assignment #6 (Week 8)

Understand time and nature energy and relationship with human health.

Assignment #7(Week 9)

Understand space and earth energy and relationship with life and death.

Assignment #8 (Week10)

Understand battlefield with life (生) and death (死).

Assignment #9 (Week11-13)

Learn Military YinYang (兵阴阳),Military Five Elements(兵五行) and Military Life and Death (兵生死).

Assignment #10 (Week14-16)

Research on Nine Changes (九变) and Nine Location (九地).

Assignment #11 (Week17)

Understand how to use the space-time energy to guide the health related practice.

Assignment #12 (Week18-20)

Summarize a paper to understand Dao Tian Di Jiang Fa (道、天、地、将、法) and space-time energy application.

Course Evaluation

The course grade will be based upon the quality of the assigned worksheets, practiced forms, figures and final paper, the comments and criticisms of understanding, exploration, application and session discussion.

Course Grading Determinants

Grades are based on the assignments and practicing.

Using this technique, there will be 100 points assigned to the course. Final semester grades will be calculated as follows:

92-100 points = A range 86-91 points = B range 80-85 points = C range 70-80 points = D range Under 70 points = F

Suggested Reading

- 1. Sun Szi's The Art of War《孙子兵法》
- 2. Sun Bin's The Art of War《孙膑兵法》
- 3. Traditional Chinese Medicine with The Art of War BaiTuJing 《中医兵法百图经》

Note: Other learning materials and tool will be provided by Dr. Liqi Tian