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# Poli 113A: Midterm Exam

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Summer Session I, 2018

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Due on Turnitin.com by July 23, 12PM

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## Note on Extension

We have extended the deadline to July 23 (Monday) at noon (12PM).

## Question

Please choose one of the following questions, and write a response of 5–6 pages.<sup>12</sup> We recommend you to write a paper with a well structured argument that is supported by course readings, lectures, and/or outside readings with proper citations.<sup>3</sup> You have to turn in your midterm exam to Turnitin.com via TritonEd. We do not accept submissions through emails or physical copies.

- Explain the Confucian paradox.
- Explain five key concepts from Yao (2000).
- Explain the *what* and *how* of proper order.

## Late Policy

Assignments not received by July 23 at 12PM sharp will be marked down 5% *per day* automatically. That is, if you turn in your essay on July 23 at 12:01PM, then it's one day late and your grade will be marked down by 5% – an originally 90% paper would receive a grade of  $90 \times (1 - 5\%) = 85.5\%$  instead. If you turn in your assignment at 12PM on July 24, then it's two days late, and penalty builds up exponentially – for example, an originally 90% paper would receive a grade of  $90 \times (1 - 5\%)^2 = 81.2\%$

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<sup>1</sup>At least single-spaced, and at most double-spaced. That is, you should not set the line spacing to something like 0.7; neither should you set it to something like 2.5. The bottom line is that you need to demonstrate a keen understanding of the course materials. Playing with format in order to write less would probably decrease the probability that you can demonstrate your understanding of the materials.

<sup>2</sup>We have no preference for fonts, although Times New Roman, and 12 point font are *very strongly* recommended. Playing with format in order to write less would probably decrease the probability that you can demonstrate your understanding of the materials.

<sup>3</sup>If the quote is from a lecture, then you need to specify date of the lecture. If the quote is from a book, then you need to provide the page number. Outside resources are a plus *only when* you've demonstrated a keen understanding of the course materials already. Promiscuously citing a wide range of outside resources without demonstrating knowledge of the course materials is *strongly* advised against.

if it is turned in two days late. If you turn in your assignment at 12PM on July 25, then it's considered three days late, etc. The late penalty is incurred automatically, and we do *not* retroactively waive the penalty unless you obtain a letter from the Dean, physician, or academic advisor that documents the reason in detail. A receipt of Advil, picture of a keyed car, or selfie at an airport does *not* count as a sufficient reason. If you experience an Internet outage, then you need a letter from your service provider to verify that there is no service right around July 23 at 12PM. As the deadline is **very** strict, please plan accordingly, and submit your assignment before the due date.

## Email Policy

All emails *must* be directed to [poli1113.2018@gmail.com](mailto:poli1113.2018@gmail.com). Emails directed to a particular TA will *not* get a reply. Due to the size of the class, please allow up to three business days for us to reply.

## Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

All of your graded work must be done by you. If you are unfamiliar with the University's policy on academic integrity, please see <https://academicintegrity.ucsd.edu/>.

## Additional Resources

If you need help writing assignments, you are encouraged to make an appointment with the writing center <https://writingcenter.ucsd.edu>.