

**To Lingnan first-year philosophy students**  
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I bet that studying at Lingnan  
was not your choice number one.

But since you're here, don't complain,  
all may still end well for your brain.

The new department loves to teach,  
as I'll explain in this speech.

If your passion is desire to know,  
try "Doing philosophy" with Dr. Lo.

What can you get from Dr. Zheng?  
A kind of metaphysical big bang.

In case you can't tell right from wrong,  
consult Chinese thinkers—and Dr. Wong.

What will be taught by Mr. Rice?  
Law and rights, to be concise.

With Professor Olsen (Stein),  
don't use the words you can't define.

Hey, we have a black belt in philosophy:  
Degree from Oxford, that's Ms. Lee.

Here's a warning from Dr. Lin:  
Not thinking critically is a sin.

Read course assignments, begs Dr. Tam,  
well, if not all—at least some.

Being logical is how to deal with Neven,  
tell him that six plus six is not eleven!

For help, it's easy to find Vinnie,  
she's not somewhere in New Guinea.

The whole staff will assist you, try its best,  
but it's up to you to do the rest.

So please sit back, close your eyes,  
and start to philosophize!