

PHIL 1001: Human Nature

Instructor: Mr. Daniel Adsett
Time: 9:45 AM – 11:20 AM
Location: Olin Engineering 116
Days: Mondays, Tuesdays,
Wednesdays, and Thursdays
Dates: June 29th – August 8th
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Required Texts:

St. Augustine of Hippo, *On Free Choice of the Will* (any edition)

Hannah Arendt, *Between Past and Future: Eight Exercises in Political Thought* (any edition)

Helpful Resources:

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, plato.stanford.edu

History of Philosophy without any Gaps, historyofphilosophy.net

Past Masters, available online through the Marquette library

The Internet Classics Archive, classics.mit.edu

Description:

This course is a historical and thematic introduction to the philosophical tradition. Lectures will focus largely on the western intellectual tradition with special attention paid to Catholic and Ancient thought; student presentations will largely focus on non-western themes.

Course Objectives:

1. An ability to state and provide reasons for basic positions concerning the relation between mind/soul and body
2. An ability to state and provide reasons for basic positions concerning the nature and possibility of knowledge
3. An ability to state and provide reasons for basic positions concerning the nature and possibility of freedom as it relates to human choice
4. An ability to state and provide reasons for basic positions concerning fundamental features of human sociality

Grading:

There will be five quizzes, four reflection papers, one presentation, and one final paper. Beginning on the sixth of July, one point will be given for each class attended for a total of 20 points. Students with more than three excused or unexcused absences before July 24th may be withdrawn from the course. Each individual quiz and reflection paper will be worth 5 points each for a total of 45 points. The presentation will be worth 20 points and the final paper 30. Quizzes and reflection papers missed for unexcused reasons will not be able to be taken or submitted at an alternative time. Reflection papers

must be submitted during or before class on the days they are due. If it is impossible to attend class when they are due, students may submit the papers by e-mail. In all, each student's final grade will be out of 115:

Attendance:	20
Quizzes:	25
Reflection Papers:	20
Presentation:	20
Final Paper:	30
Total:	115

Grading Scale (Letter Grade/Percentage):

A	94-100	C	70-75
AB	88-93	CD	64-69
B	82-87	D	58-63
BC	76-81	F	0-57

Important Dates:

Final Paper Due: August 7th by 12:00 pm

Last Day to Withdraw: July 24th

Attendance Policy:

As already outlined in the **Grading** section, students with more than three excused or unexcused absences before July 24th may be withdrawn from the course. Beginning on July 6th, one point will be given for each class attended for a total of 20 points. At the instructor's discretion, failure to participate in class and repeated failure to complete homework will count against the attendance grade – losing up to one point per day – but not the possibility of being withdrawn. Quizzes or presentations missed for unexcused reasons will not be able to be completed at an alternative time. However, assignments submitted late for (1) severe health reasons (more than a cold, flu, or bodily ache), (2) jury duty, or (3) university sanctioned activities and related travel will be able to be taken at an agreed upon time.

Policies for Late Work and Extra Credit:

Late assignments will not be accepted. If it is impossible, for one reason or another, to attend class the day an assignment is due, students must either (1) submit the assignment early or (2) scan and e-mail the assignment to the professor before class on the day it is due. For work towards a bonus marks, students must contact the professor before or on July 17th.

Policy on Electronic Devices:

Students seen using cellphones or computers in class will lose 2 points per class and should not expect to be informed when they lose these points.

Academic Dishonesty:

Anyone found cheating on a quiz or plagiarizing a written assignment will receive a grade of zero and will be promptly reported. Those found providing answers to another student or facilitating cheating or plagiarizing will also receive a grade of zero. For precise definitions of cheating and plagiarizing consult the definition found here: <http://bulletin.marquette.edu/undergrad/academicregulations/>

Writing Center:

During the summer, the OTT Marquette University Writing Center is located in room 240 of the Raynor Memorial Library. It is open between 9 am and 7 pm Mondays to Thursdays, 10 am to 3 pm on Fridays, and 1 pm to 5 pm on Sundays. Students are strongly encouraged to seek help at the center. More information is available at <http://www.marquette.edu/writing-center/>

Disability/Special Needs:

Anyone with a confirmed disability or special need should contact me promptly so that appropriate accommodations, if needed, can be supplied.

Schedule:

Date	Author I	Text	Selection	Author II
June 29	Introduction			
30	Karl Jaspers	"The Present Task of Philosophy" and "On Studying Philosophy"	<i>Philosophy and the World</i> , 3-21	
July 1	Plato	<i>Phaedo</i>	57a-85b	
2	Plato	<i>Phaedo</i>	85b-118a	
6	Aristotle	<i>De Anima</i>	Book III.1-6	Confucius
7	Aristotle	<i>De Anima</i>	Book III.7-13	Lao Tzu
8	Augustine	<i>On Free Choice of the Will</i>	Book I	Plotinus
9	Augustine	<i>On Free Choice of the Will</i>	Book II	Pseudo-Dionysius
13	Augustine	<i>On Free Choice of the Will</i>	Book III	Boethius
14	Anselm	<i>On Free Will</i>	175-187	Al-Farabi
15	Anselm	<i>On Free Will</i>	187-192	Avicenna
16	Thomas Aquinas	<i>Summa Theologiae</i>	Part I, Question 83	Bhagavad Gita
20	Descartes	<i>Meditations on First Philosophy</i>	Meditations I & II	Elizabeth of Bohemia
21	Descartes	<i>Meditations on First Philosophy</i>	Meditations III & IV	Malebranche

22	Kant	<i>Prolegomena to any Future Metaphysics</i>	13-27	Hume
23	Bataille	<i>The Absence of Myth</i>	52-67	Dostoyevsky
27	Simone Weil	"On the Love of God and Affliction"	<i>Waiting for God</i> , 57-66	Simone de Beauvoir
28	Mahatma Gandhi	<i>Critique of Modern Civilization</i>	Chapters V-VIII, XIII-XV	Tolstoy
29	Cornel West	"Parents and National Survival"	<i>The Cornel West Reader</i> 333-343	bell hooks
30	On Essay Writing			
August 3	Hannah Arendt	<i>Between Past and Future</i>	<i>What is Authority?</i> , 91-120	
4	Hannah Arendt	<i>Between Past and Future</i>	<i>What is Authority?</i> , 120-141	
5	Hannah Arendt	<i>Between Past and Future</i>	<i>What is Freedom?</i> , 142-155	
6	Hannah Arendt	<i>Between Past and Future</i>	<i>What is Freedom?</i> , 155-169	
7	Final Paper Due by 12:00 pm			