Arts and Sciences Honours Academy

ASHA 220: Quests and Questions

Tuesday/Thursday 12:30-13:45,
Scurfield Hall 157
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Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 1:00 - 2:00

The required texts below are available at the University Bookstore in MacEwan Hall

Required Texts


Recommended Text:


Course Requirements and Grading Scheme

4 Food for Thought Papers @5% each = 20% (due dates TBA)

In-class Test on ancient and early modern views of nature, Tuesday November 5: 10%

Essay on the Odyssey or King Lear, due Friday, December 20: 10%

In-class Test on logic, Thursday, February 13: 10%

Final Essay, due: 20%

Registrar Scheduled Final Exam: 20%

Class participation, 10%

To calculate your grade as you go along, I will be using the following correspondences:

A+ 90-100  B+ 75-79  C+ 60-64  D+ 45-49
A 85-89  B 70-74  C 55-59  D 40-44
A- 80-84  B- 65-69  C- 50-54  F 0-39

Late paper submission policy: In general, a medical reason is required if you are to turn in work late without penalty. I will, though, entitle each student to two days of grace period to be used at your discretion throughout the semester. That way you do not need to request permission for those days. Late work beyond the two days will be penalized at the rate of 1% of the class participation grade for each day late.

Rising trajectory policy: In cases of notably superior performance on the essay and final exam, I will reweight these components by 10% each.
Syllabus

FALL: ANCIENT TO MODERN

*The Odyssey*: (Ancient Epic)

Weeks 1-4 (September 9-October 3).

Thursday, Sept. 26, Peter Toohey, Greek and Roman Studies.

*Nature*

Weeks 5-6/7 (October 8-22 [or 24]): *Ancient Theories of Nature: Form and Matter*

Thursday, October 24, Jack MacIntosh, Philosophy.

Weeks 6/7-8: October 22 [or 24]-31: *Early Modern Theories of Nature: Matter in Motion*

**NOVEMBER 5: TEST ON ANCIENT AND EARLY MODERN VIEWS OF NATURE**

*King Lear*: (Elizabethan Tragedy)

Weeks 9-12 (November 7-28)

Week 13 (December 3 and 5): Open.

WINTER: MODERN TO US

*Voltaire and The European Enlightenment*

Weeks 1-3 (January 9-23)

Voltaire’s *Candide* and Kant “What is Enlightenment?”.

*Logic*

Weeks 4-6 (January 28-February 11)

From Aristotelian syllogism to modern logic.

**FEBRUARY 13: TEST ON LOGIC**

*Civilization and its Discontents*

Weeks 7-8 (February 25-March 6)
Primo Levi, *The Periodic Table.*

Weeks 9-10 (March 10-20)

Ivan Turgenev, *Fathers and Children*

Weeks 11-12 (March 24-April 3)

Mark Twain, *Huckleberry Finn.*

Week 13 (April 8 and 10): Open.