

Western Humanities II
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Texts:

1. Locke, *Second Treatise of Government*
2. Swift, *Gulliver's Travels*
3. de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America* (Mentor abridged edition)
4. American History Document Package
5. Freud, *Civilization and Its Discontents*
6. Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origins of Inequality*
7. Marx and Engels, *The Communist Manifesto*
8. Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*
9. Camus, *The Stranger* (translated by Matthew Ward, Vintage Books)
10. Viktor Frankl, *Man's Search for Meaning*

All texts are available at the Sundance Books.

Grading:

2 papers (5 pages)	15 % each (30 % total)
2 mid-term exams	15 % each (30 % total)
Final exam (non-cumulative)	20 %
Class presentation 10 %	
Active class participation	10 %

The Classroom Policies section of the Undergraduate Bulletin:

Students are expected to attend all classes. Furthermore, the College recognizes that students hold primary and ultimate responsibility for their academic performance and accomplishment. While attendance in itself is not a factor in the final grade for a course, students are expected to recognize the importance of regular class attendance and to complete satisfactorily all requirements of all courses in which they are registered.

General policies for this course:

1. **You are expected to complete the reading assignments prior to each class.**
Always bring the assigned text to class.
2. To facilitate prior reading, I will be giving out study questions sheets for each session. Students should write brief answers on the sheet and be prepared to discuss in class. It is your responsibility to obtain all sets of study questions from me if you miss classes. I will collect the study questions sheet at the end of the semester.
3. There will be two critical/analytical papers, each requiring you to think carefully about some aspect of the works under consideration. The papers are to be word-processed, double-spaced, and free from spelling errors. Each assignment will be explained by a handout and will be discussed in detail in class. **All papers must be handed in on time. A 1/2 grade deduction will be made for each day delayed.**
4. **No make-up exam will be given unless you can validate your absence through documentation from the Dean's Office.**
5. Participation in class is evaluated on the basis of your ability to answer study questions, your general attendance and concentration, and your contribution to class discussion.
6. Final grades will be given on the basis of the following scale: A=95; A⁻=90; B⁺=87; B=84; B⁻=80;..., D=60. **To receive a final grade for the course, all assignments must be completed.**

Class Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Reading Assignments</u>
T 1/29	Introduction	None
R 1/31	Locke, <i>Second Treatise</i>	Read chaps. 1-5
T 2/5	Locke, <i>Second Treatise</i>	Read chaps. 6-10
R 2/7	Locke, <i>Second Treatise</i>	Read chaps. 11-15
T 2/12	Locke, <i>Second Treatise</i>	Read chaps. 16-19
R 2/14	Swift, <i>Gulliver's Travels</i>	Read Book I
T 2/19	Swift, <i>Gulliver's Travels</i>	Read Book II-III
R 2/21	Swift, <i>Gulliver's Travels</i>	Read Book III-IV
T 2/26	American History Document	Read pp. 2-20
R 2/28	American History Document	Read pp. 20-35; 36 - 38
T 3/5	Mid-term exam #1	
R 3/7	de Tocqueville, <i>Democracy</i>	Read pp. 26-38; 55-58; 100-121
T 3/12	de Tocqueville, <i>Democracy</i>	Read pp. 121-142; 143-177
R 3/14	de Tocqueville, <i>Democracy</i>	Read pp. 189-194; 209-219; 221-226; 228-246
T 3/19	de Tocqueville, <i>Democracy</i> [Paper #1 due]	Read pp. 289-293; 301-317
R 3/21	Project: How do you persuade practical-minded tax payers to support governmental funding for abstract sciences and arts?	
T 3/26	Spring Break	
R 3/28	Spring Break	

T	4/2	Rousseau, <i>Discourse on the Origin of Inequality</i>	Read Part One
R	4/4	Rousseau, <i>Discourse on the Origin of Inequality</i>	Read Part Two
T	4/9	Marx and Engels	Read <i>Manifesto</i> .
R	4/11	Douglas, <i>Narrative of the Life</i>	Read <i>All</i>
T	4/16	Mid-term Exam #2	
R	4/18	Freud, <i>Civilization and its Discontents</i>	Read chaps. 1-4
T	4/23	Freud, <i>Civilization and its Discontents</i>	Read chaps. 5-8
R	4/25	Frankl, <i>Man's Search for Meaning</i>	Read Part One ('Experiences in a Concentration Camp')
T	4/30	Video [Paper #2 due]	Finish Paper #2
R	5/2	Camus: <i>The Stranger</i>	Read Camus: <i>The Stranger</i>
T	5/7	Sartre: Existentialism	Read [handouts]
R	5/9	Conclusion	Hand in the whole set of study question sheets for final evaluation.

FINAL EXAM: **May 16 (Thursday) 12:00 - 3:00 PM**