

HUMA 12400 - 01

Human Being & Citizen

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TTH 9:00-10:20

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BOOKS

The following texts are required for the course, available for purchase at the Seminary Coop Bookstore (in the basement of 5757 University Ave.):

- Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, translated by Ostwald (Prentice Hall), ISBN: 0023895306
- St. Augustine, *Confessions*, translated by Chadwick (Oxford University Press), ISBN: 0199537828
- Dante, *Inferno*, translated by Durling (Oxford University Press), ISBN: 0195087445

There are numerous translations in print of each of the texts we will discuss. Make sure you use the translations found in the (fairly inexpensive) books listed above.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

There are three components of the work required of you:

- Come to class prepared and participate through thoughtful comments and questions;
- Attend all writing seminars organized by the writing intern as well as the general HBC lecture (details to be announced);
- Complete all writing assignments and response papers (see below)

GRADES

There will be three writing assignments (4-6 pages) on selected topics:

First paper	due January 25 th , in class	worth 20%
Second paper	due February 15 th , in class	worth 25%
Third paper	due March 8 th , in class	worth 30%

The remaining 25% will be determined by your class participation (15%) and two response papers (5% each)

Late papers will be docked a grade per day (e.g., B+ to B) unless you have received approval ahead of time.

Response papers will consist of short discussions (2-3 pages) of an assigned reading, to be submitted on the day that reading is discussed. The choice of reading is up to you, but at least one of them must be done by **January 27th**, the second by **February 24th**. These discussions should express your personal reflections upon the reading for that session. They are meant to express your thoughtful reactions to the readings before they are discussed in class.

ROADMAP

The following schedule provides an overview over the assigned readings. Readings may be slightly adjusted as the quarter goes on. Updated versions of this syllabus will be posted on Chalk as changes are made.

Week 1	January 4 January 6	Introduction to ethics and Aristotle Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book 1
Week 2	January 11 January 13	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book 2 Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Books 3-4
Week 3	January 18 January 20	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Books 5-6 Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Books 7-8
Week 4	January 25 January 27	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book 9 Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book 10
Week 5	February 1 February 3	Augustine, <i>Confessions</i> , Books 1-3 Augustine, <i>Confessions</i> , Books 4-5
Week 6	February 8 February 10	Augustine, <i>Confessions</i> , Books 6-7 Augustine, <i>Confessions</i> , Book 8-9
Week 7	February 15 February 17	Augustine, <i>Confessions</i> , Books 10-11 Augustine, <i>Confessions</i> , Books 12-13
Week 8	February 22 February 24	Dante, <i>Inferno</i> , Cantos 1-6 Dante, <i>Inferno</i> , Cantos 7-14
Week 9	March 1 March 3	Dante, <i>Inferno</i> , Cantos 15-21 Dante, <i>Inferno</i> , Cantos 22-28
Week 10	March 8 March 10	Dante, <i>Inferno</i> , Cantos 29-34 Reading Period—No Class