



All readings will be online.

#### D. Course Grade

- 1/5 One Short 1-2 Page Writing (Review, Others)
- 1/5 Exam One (Online Multiple Choice and True-False)
- 1/5 Exam Two (Online Multiple Choice and True-False)
- 2/5 Research Project: Potential Journal article or Conference presentation.  
[Grade Points for Project: Topic With Potential Thesis (5 percent), Sentence Outline (10 percent), Literature Review (15 percent), Rough Draft (20 Percent), Final Copy (50 percent)]

Optional 2/5 Weekly online quizzes will be offered, probably every Friday and due the following Tuesday. If you would like to do so, the top ten can be substituted for Exams One and Two. If you choose to do both the Exams and the Quizzes, then for Course Grade I will take the best combination.

Additional Condition on Course Grade: Cannot Receive a Course Grade of “A” or “B” without a grade of “A” or “B” or “C” on the Final Copy of the Project.

Plus-Minus. We will not use the plus minus grading system.

General Grading Criteria for Writings: Clarity of thesis, support for thesis, awareness of objections to thesis and its supporting reasoning, response to objections, overall logical coherence, and quality of writing.

Warning: Please be very careful to avoid plagiarism in essays and in Discussion postings. In general, you are most welcome, indeed encouraged, to seek outside sources (written, online, or in-person) for material but must report the source, including page numbers. Paraphrases and direct quotations should be in quotation marks and footnoted. You are welcome to use an informal footnote style by inserting a brief reference inside parentheses in your text that refers to an item that you list in a bibliography at the end of your paper.

The consequences of plagiarism will be an “F” on the assignment, a possible “F” on the exam (if it occurs on an exam), a possible “F” in the course, and required recommendation to Student Conduct for further disciplinary action, including dismissal from UCF.

#### E. Due Dates for Course Exams and Papers

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| Review                   | Due Midnight Thursday 13 September   |
| Exam One                 | Online Opens Midnight Tuesday 25 September Closes Midnight Friday 28 September |
| Exam Two                 | Online Opens Midnight Tuesday 23 October Closes Midnight Friday 26 October     |
| Withdrawal Deadline      | Friday 26 October  |
| Last Day of Our Class    | Thursday 29 November. (University last day of classes is Saturday 1December)   |
| Research Project         | Due Midnight Thursday 29 November  |
| Comprehensive Final Exam | Tuesday 4 December 10 AM – 12:50 PM In Classroom                               |

#### F. Comments on Course Exams

Required Exams. Exams consist of online multiple choice plus true-false questions.

Review Sheets. For each exam, review sheets posted online in an area in a folder in the Files area of the course website with that exam’s name (“Exam One Information”, for example).

#### G. Class Notes Post Class Notes, and Course Reading Pages

Class notes for the in-person version and expanded class notes for the web version will be posted online in the Pages area. Readings, comments on readings, guidelines for exams will also be posted online in the Pages area of the course website. In addition, once a week, “Post Class Notes” for the in-person and for the web versions will be posted to update what might have been discussed in-person or online.

## **H. How We Proceed**

We will start with contemporary discussions and use those to branch back into representative philosophers. For each topic we will try to combine both contemporary and historic examples.

I tend to put a lot of optional material into the Discussion area of the course. My normal week is to post some guidelines in an area for the material of that week, note some key points that might need expansion, hope that you read the material, and invite questions or discussion of the material. I also tend to put quite a few topics up for discussion just because they seem interesting to me or because I think some of you might be interested. You never need to participate in these discussions, though you are invited to do so. And, as far as testing goes, what you are to know for exam questions will be listed and duly noted in the posted Guidelines for Exams listed in the Pages area, so you won't have to wonder.

Lists of Readings, Guidelines for Exams, Postings Points Guidelines, Weekly Notes, and Suggested Independent Tracks will normally occur in the Pages area of the course website.

Practice Quizzes: Optional practice quizzes with practice multiple choice questions will occur in the Quizzes area. They do not show up in the Assignments area unless they are a required quiz. I urge you to take the practice quizzes for a given quiz before taking the required quiz. For exams, the most helpful practice is with the practice quizzes for the quizzes. I will condense those into one Practice Quiz for each exam.

## **I. Turnitin.com**

Writings are to be submitted to Turnitin.com. Please use course ID of 18666972 with password of NYC2019.  
Please note: We will switch to submitting written assignments through webcourses before the first written assignment is due.