

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
HUMANISTIC TRADITION I

HUM 2210-0010

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Tuesday & Thursday

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

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COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Description

Humanistic Tradition I is an integrated examination of dominant ideas and art forms of human civilization from Ancient times to the Reformation. Central concepts, historical developments, cultural expressions and elements, and fundamental nature of philosophy, religion, art, literature, architecture, and government in each period will be explored and studied.

Course Objectives

1. To trace, analyze, discuss, and evaluate in detail the historical and cultural development of each period.
2. To introduce students to significant developments and concepts in philosophy, religion, art, literature, architecture, and government from Ancient times to the Reformation.
3. To furnish students opportunities (reading, class discussion, and written work) to study critically and creatively different traditions, cultures, and depth-dimensions of the human spirit, so that students can formulate and pursue relevant questions and answers, and also expand their intellectual horizons.

Required Texts

Gloria K. Fiero, *The Humanistic Tradition: Prehistory to the Early Modern World*. Vol. I. 7th edition. McGraw-Hill, 2015.

Mitch Albom, *Tuesdays with Morrie*. Broadway Books, 2002

Course Requirements

1. Three exams (300 points)
2. Final exam (100 points)
The exams will include short-answer definitions of names and terms and essay questions. All exams will be based on lecture, class discussion, and assigned readings.
3. All reading assignments must be completed prior to class meeting.

Grading

- 360 – 400 = A
- 320 – 359 = B
- 280 – 319 = C
- 240 – 279 = D
- 278 = F

Make-Up Policy

1. Any conflict with the exam's scheduled date must be addressed prior to exam date.
2. Missed exams cannot be made up except for serious illnesses (requiring a formal doctor's excuse) or emergencies (documents must be provided).

Notes

1. At the instructor's discretion, during the course of the semester this syllabus may be subject to change. Students are responsible for informing themselves of changes announced in class.
2. **NO computers, iPads, smart phones, e-Books, or iPhones allowed in class.** This is a device-free classroom!
3. **The student who "habitually" shows up late for each class meeting will have 10 points deducted.**
4. **The student who did not read the assigned readings for each class meeting will have 10 points deducted.**

Class Attendance and Preparation

Class attendance is essential to your success in this class, for lectures and class discussions are a major part of this course. Assigned readings must be completed prior to class meeting. You can only participate in all class discussions if you are present in class and were prepared for class. If you are unable to attend class, please notify the instructor in advance.

Withdrawal

My goal is that every student successfully completes this course; however, if you cannot meet the requirements and challenges of this course, it is necessary that you withdraw from the course. Students who discontinue attendance and do not withdraw will receive an "F" for the course.

DATE	READING ASSIGNMENTS
8/21	Introduction to the course
8/23	2-29
8/28	30-39; 45-53
8/30	64-72; Extra reading (website): <i>Dao de jing</i> : 26 and 27
9/4	<i>Dao de jing</i> : 28, 29, 30, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63
9/6	80-88; 90-98
9/11	EXAM # 1
9/13	98-111
9/18	138-146; 151-152
9/20	168-179; Extra reading (website): <i>Native Chinese Religion and Daoism</i> : 254-259
9/25	<i>Native Chinese Religion and Daoism</i> : 259-263; 266-272
9/27	186-196; Extra reading (website): <i>Christianity and Buddhism</i> 199-204; 216-220
10/2	227-236; Extra reading (website): <i>Christianity, Islam, and Judaism</i>
10/4	EXAM # 2
10/9	255-262; 266-267; 277-279
10/11	281-282; 286-297
10/16	326-329; 336-337; Extra reading (website): <i>Confucianism</i>
10/18	358-363; 379-390
10/23	394-397; 413-428
10/25	EXAM # 3
10/30	<i>Tuesdays with Morrie</i> : 1-40
11/1	<i>Tuesdays with Morrie</i> : 41-113
11/6	<i>Tuesdays with Morrie</i> : 114-192
11/8	446-450; 466-469
11/13	473-477; 488-492
11/15	492-494; 496-503
11/20	<i>The Meanings of the Questions of Life and Questions about the Meaning of Life</i> (website) (261-271)
11/22	NO CLASS (Thanksgiving)
11/27	<i>The Absurdity of Life without God</i> (website)
11/29	<i>Existentialism</i> (website)
12/6	FINAL EXAM (Thursday: 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM)