

REASON AND REVELATION
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The philosophical pursuit of knowledge and happiness in Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, and Plotinus, and its encounter with Christianity in Boethius, Augustine, Aquinas, and Dante.

Prerequisite: HUMS 1000 and good standing in the B. Hum. program.

Lectures: Mondays and Wednesdays 1:05 -2:25 in Paterson Hall 303

Discussion Groups:

Group 1: Wednesdays 2:35-3:55 (Paterson Hall 302)

Group 2: Fridays 11:35-12:55 (Paterson Hall 302)

Group 3: Fridays 8:35-9:55 (Paterson Hall 302)

Required Texts: The following are available at All Books (327 Rideau Street, next to the Bytown Cinema, tel. 613 789-9544):

Aristophanes. *Lysistrata and Other Plays*. Tr. Alan H. Sommerstein. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1973.

Aristotle. *The Basic Works of Aristotle*. Ed. Richard McKeon. New York: Random House, 1941.

Augustine. *Confessions*. Tr. R. S. Pine-Coffin. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1961.

Boethius. *Consolation of Philosophy*. Tr. V.E. Watts. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1969.

Dante. *The Divine Comedy*. 3 vols. Tr. Dorothy Sayers. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1949-62.

Plato. *Five Dialogues: Apology, Crito, Euthyphro, Meno and Phaedo*. Tr. G. M. Grube. Indianapolis: Hackett, 1981.

Plato. *Republic*. Tr. C. D. C. Reeve. Indianapolis: Hackett, 2004.

Plotinus. *Ennead V*. Ed. and tr. A.H. Armstrong. Loeb Classical Library. Cambridge, Mass./London: Harvard Univ. Press, 1984.

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Strunk, William Jr., and E.B. White. *The Elements of Style*.
4th ed. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 2000.

Thomas Aquinas. *Selected Writings*. Ed. and tr. Ralph McInerny.
Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1998.

In addition to these texts, students should have a college-level dictionary; the following is available at All Books and is highly recommended:

The Concise Oxford Dictionary. Oxford: Oxford Univ. Press,
1964; 6th ed. 1976.

Grades for the course will be based on

- 1) Participation in the discussion groups, including leading two discussions (one each term), for a total of 15%;
- 2) One preliminary assignment, 1 page (350 words) in length, worth 10%;
- 2) Four assignments, each 6 typewritten pages (1500 words) in length, the first two worth 10%, and the others worth 15% each, for a total of 50% of the final grade;
- 3) A three-hour Christmas examination in the formal examination period, December 6th-22nd, worth 10%; and
- 4) A three-hour final examination in the formal examination period, April 9th-28th, worth 15%.

Grades will be based solely on the individual, academic merit as judged against absolute standards. Grades will not be adjusted to achieve a supposed normal distribution or manipulated in any other way.

THE FINE PRINT

To pass, students must regularly attend the lectures, complete all the written assignments, and sit both the examinations, all unless formally excused by the Instructors because of illness or some other legitimate reason. Failure to complete all the written assignments and sit the Christmas examination unless excused will result in the grade FND (Failed, No Deferral). FND will also be awarded to students whose grades on all the course work exclusive of the final examination are such that they cannot pass the course no matter how well they might do on the final examination.

Attendance Students are responsible for all material covered, announcements made, course documents distributed, and assignments returned, whether they are present in class or not.

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Late Assignments Assignments are to be submitted at the beginning of class on the day they are due. Assignments that come into the Instructors' hands after the start of class will be docked one grade-point (e.g., from a B+ to a B) or 3-1/3 percentage points the first day or part thereof and each day subsequently. Late penalties on papers accompanied by a medical certificate or other proof of a legitimate reason for lateness will be adjusted accordingly. But once the papers submitted on time are graded and returned, *no further papers will be accepted except for very compelling reasons*. No work can be accepted for any reason after the Senate's deadline published in the current *Calendar*.

Plagiarism See the attached sheet for the University's policies on plagiarism. Note in addition that passages copied word-for-word without quotation marks, whether the source is cited or not, constitute plagiarism. Plagiarism from internet sources is ridiculously easy to detect.

EMails will be answered only during weekly office hours, and only to discuss administrative matters. Course material cannot be discussed by email.

Electronic recording devices may not be used to record lectures without the express permission of the Professor. Permission will be granted only for legitimate reasons and only on the understanding that the Professor retains all copyright in the recordings, that the recordings and their transcriptions may not be copied, transmitted, broadcast, shared, posted, or otherwise distributed in any form whatsoever without permission from the Professor, and that the recordings and transcriptions be destroyed by the date of the final examination.

Lap-top computers may be used in the classroom only for taking notes and only on condition that wireless transmission and reception is turned off. Cell phones and other such devices must be turned off completely- not merely set to silent or vibrate - upon entering the classroom.

LECTURES AND READINGS

FALL TERM 2008

- 1 Sept. 14 Introduction
- 2 16 Socrates the Sophist: Aristophanes, *The Clouds* (Prof. Laird); *discussion groups begin*
- 3 21 The trial of Socrates: Plato, *Apology, Crito* (Prof. Laird); ***preliminary assignment due in class***
- 4 23 What is virtue? Plato, *Meno* 70a-80d (Prof. MacIsaac); *Last day for course changes*
- 5 28 Knowledge as recollection: *Meno* 80d-86c (Prof. MacIsaac)
- 6 30 Can virtue be taught? *Meno* 86c-100b (Prof. MacIsaac)
- 7 Oct. 5 What is justice? Plato, *Republic* I (Prof. MacIsaac)
- 8 7 Glaucon's social contract: *Republic* II. 357a-368c (Prof. MacIsaac)
- 9 9 *University day: no classes, tutorials, or office hours*
- 12 *University closed for Thanksgiving*
- 9 14 Justice in the city and in the soul: *Republic* II. 368c-IV (Prof. MacIsaac)

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- 10 19 The three waves: *Republic* V-VI. 502c (Prof. MacIsaac)
 11 21 The Sun, the Line, and the Cave: *Republic* VI. 502c-VII (Prof. MacIsaac)
 12 26 Decline of Justice in the City and in the Soul; Myth of Er: *Republic* VIII-X
 (Prof. MacIsaac)
 13 28 Physics & its principles: Aristotle, *Physics* I. 1, 5-9 (Prof. Laird)
 14 Nov. 2 Nature & the four causes: *Physics* II. 1-6, 8, 9 (Prof. Laird); **first assignment
 due in class**
 15 4 The prime motion & mover: *Physics* VIII. 1, 4, 6, 10; Aristotle, *Metaphysics*
 XII. 7 (Prof. Laird)
 16 9 *Carleton International, Study Abroad*; Happiness: Aristotle, *Nicomachean
 Ethics* I, 1-7 (Prof. Laird)
 17 11 Moral virtue: *Nicomachean Ethics* I, 8-9, 12-13; II, 1-6 (Prof. Laird)
 18 16 The moral virtues: *Nicomachean Ethics* II, 7, 9; III, 1-5 (Prof. Laird)
 19 18 Intellectual virtue: *Nicomachean Ethics* VI, 1-7, 12, 13 (Prof. Laird)
 20 23 Contemplation: *Nicomachean Ethics* X (Prof. Laird)
 21 25 Plotinus, *Ennead* V.1: *On the three primary Hypostases* (Prof. MacIsaac)
 22 30 Plotinus, *Ennead* V.1: *On the three primary Hypostases* (Prof. MacIsaac)
 23 Dec. 2 Plotinus, *Ennead* V.8: *On the Intelligible Beauty* (Prof. MacIsaac)
 24 7 Plotinus, *Ennead* V. 8: *On the Intelligible Beauty* (Prof. MacIsaac); **second
 assignment due in class**
 9-22 Christmas examinations; over the holidays, read Augustine

WINTER TERM 2009

- 25 Jan. 4 Introduction to St Augustine; Thagaste and Carthage: Augustine, *Confessions*,
 I-II (Prof. Laird)
 26 6 Manicheism and Materialism: *Confessions*, III-VI (Prof. Laird)
 27 11 Platonism, Augustine's conversion, Monica's death: *Confessions*, VII-IX (Prof.
 Laird)
 28 13 The search for happiness: *Confessions*, X & XI (Prof. Laird)
 29 18 Commentary on Genesis: *Confessions*, XII-XIII (Prof. Laird)
 30 20 Introduction to Boethius: *Consolation of Philosophy*, I (Prof. MacIsaac)
 31 25 Fortune and worldly goods: *Consolation*, II, III. 1-8 (Prof. MacIsaac)
 32 27 The supreme good: *Consolation*, III. 9-12 (Prof. MacIsaac)
 33 Feb. 1 Evil and free will: *Consolation*, IV-V (Prof. MacIsaac)
 34 3 The rise of the Middle Ages (Prof. Laird)
 35 8 Faith and Reason: Aquinas, *On the Eternity of the World*, in *Selected Writings*,
 pp. 710-717 (Prof. Laird); **third assignment due in class**

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- 36 10 On Human Choice: Aquinas, *Disputed Question on Evil*, 6, in *Selected Writings*, pp. 551-564 (Prof. Laird)
- 15-19 *Winter Break, classes suspended; begin reading Dante*
- 37 22 Love of Wisdom: Aquinas, *Exposition of Metaphysics*, in *Selected Writings*, pp. 718-743 (Prof. Laird)
- 38 24 On the ultimate end: Aquinas, *Summa theologiae*, I^{ae} II^{ae}, qq. 1-5, in *Selected Writings*, pp. 482-550 (Prof. Laird)
- 39 Mar. 1 Abandon all hope: Dante, *Hell*, Cantos I-X (Prof. MacIsaac)
- 40 3 The city that sin built: *Hell*, Cantos XI-XXII (Prof. MacIsaac)
- 41 8 The frozen lake: *Hell*, Cantos XXIII-XXXIV (Prof. MacIsaac); *last day to withdraw*
- 42 10 Peter's gate: Dante, *Purgatory*, Cantos I-IX (Prof. Laird)
- 43 15 The ascent of the mountain: *Purgatory*, Cantos X-XXVI (Prof. Laird)
- 44 17 The earthly paradise: *Purgatory*, Cantos XXVII-XXXIII (Prof. Laird); **fourth assignment due in class**
- 45 22 Below the sun: Dante, *Paradise*, Cantos I-IX (Prof. MacIsaac)
- 46 24 Above the sun: *Paradise*, Cantos X-XXVII (Prof. MacIsaac)
- 47 29 The vision: *Paradise*, Cantos XXVIII-XXXIII (Prof. MacIsaac)
- 48 31 *Conclusion; discussion of final examination; course evaluation*
- 8-27 *Final examinations*

REGULATIONS COMMON TO ALL HUMANITIES COURSES

COPIES OF WRITTEN WORK SUBMITTED

Always retain for yourself a copy of all essays, term papers, written assignments or take-home tests submitted in your courses.

PLAGIARISM

The University Senate defines plagiarism as “*presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one’s own.*” This can include:

- reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else’s published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one’s own without proper citation or reference to the original source;
- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
- using another’s data or research findings;
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another’s works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
- handing in “*substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs.*”

Plagiarism is a serious offence which cannot be resolved directly with the course’s instructor. The Associate Deans of the Faculty conduct a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They range from a mark of zero for the plagiarized work to a final grade of “F” for the course, and even suspension from all studies or expulsion from the University.

GRADING SYSTEM

Letter grades assigned in this course will have the following percentage equivalents:

A+ = 90-100 (12)	B+ = 77-79 (9)	C+ = 67-69 (6)
A = 85-89 (11)	B = 73-76 (8)	C = 63-66 (5)
A - = 80-84 (10)	B - = 70-72 (7)	C - = 60-62 (4)
D+ = 57-59 (3)	D = 53-56 (2)	D - = 50-52 (1)

F	Failure. No academic credit
WDN	Withdrawn from the course
ABS	Absent from the final examination
DEF	Official deferral (see “Petitions to Defer”)
FND	Failure with no deferred exam allowed -- assigned only when the student has failed the course on the basis of inadequate term work as specified in the course outline.

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean.

WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT ACADEMIC PENALTY

The last date to withdraw from Fall term courses is November 16, 2009. The last day to withdraw from Fall/Winter (full year) and Winter term courses is March 12, 2010.

REQUESTS FOR ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

Pregnancy obligation: write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: http://www.carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/student_guide.htm

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Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Documented disabilities could include but are not limited to mobility/physical impairments, specific Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/psychological disabilities, sensory disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and chronic medical conditions. Registered PMC students are required to contact the PMC, 613-520-6608, every term to ensure that I receive your Letter of Accommodation, no later than two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations. If you **only** require accommodations for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodations to PMC by the last official day to withdraw from classes in each term. For more details visit the PMC website: http://www.carleton.ca/pmc/students/acad_accom.html

You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at <http://carleton.ca/equity/accommodation>

PETITIONS TO DEFER

Students unable to complete a **final** term paper or write a **final** examination because of illness or other circumstances beyond their control or whose performance on an examination has been impaired by such circumstances may apply in writing within five working days to the Registrar's Office for permission to extend a term paper deadline or to write a deferred examination. The request must be fully and specifically supported by a medical certificate or other relevant documentation. Only deferral petitions submitted to the Registrar's Office will be considered.

ADDRESSES: (Area Code 613)

College of the Humanities 520-2809	300 Paterson
Classics and Religion Office 520-2100	2A39 Paterson
Registrar's Office 520-3500	300 Tory
Student Academic Success Centre 520-7850	302 Tory
Paul Menton Centre 520-6608	500 Unicentre
Writing Tutorial Service 520-6632	4 th floor Library
Learning Commons 520-1125	4 th floor Library