CC 102: Antiquity and the Medieval World

Syllabus

Spring 2000
Tuesday/Thursday, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Tsai Auditorium

Core Professors

Professor James Devlin (Philosophy)  Professor Allen Speight (Philosophy)
Professor Dennis Costa (Modern Languages) Professor Stephanie Nelson (Classics)
Professor Mark Kremer (Core) Professor Leah Hochman (Core)
Professor Gregory Fried (Core) Professor Peter Diamandopoulos (Philosophy)
Professor Robert Richardson (Modern Languages) Professor James Johnson (History)
Professor David Green (English)  
Professor Katherine O'Connor (Modern Languages)

Course Description: The theme of this course might be described as “The Way”: What is the proper way or path through life?

Books: The books you should purchase and read are available at the Boston University Bookstore. The last page of this syllabus provides a list of these books.

Grading: Grades will be determined by your seminar professor and will follow the University curve (A=4.0, A-=3.7, etc.). The grade will be based on a combination of written work, examinations, and participation valued in approximately the following proportions:

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Exams will cover materials in the lectures, seminars, and readings. They will include objective, short essay, and long essay questions. Choices will be offered. Paper topics will be assigned, and papers graded by, seminar instructors.
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Spring 2000

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"Life is a series of surprises. We do not guess today the mood, the pleasure, the power of tomorrow, when we are building up our being. Of lower states, of acts of routine and sense, we can tell somewhat, but the total growths and universal movements of the soul are incalculable. I can know that truth is divine and helpful; but how it shall help me I can have no guess, for so to be is the sole inlet of so to know." --Ralph Waldo Emerson

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time. --T. S. Eliot, "Little Gidding"
Lecture and Exam Schedule
CC 102: Antiquity and the Medieval World
Tsai Auditorium, TR 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 1/11/00:  
(1) Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*  
Reading: *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book 1-2  

*Lecture: Professor Devlin. Introduction*

Thursday, 1/13/00:  
(2) Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*  
Reading: *Nicomachean Ethics*, Books 2-4  

*Lecture: Professor Roochnik. Aristotle on Moral Virtue*

Tuesday, 1/18/00:  
(3) Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*  
Reading: *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book 5; Book 6, chs. 1-9, 12-13;  
Book 7, chs. 1-10  

*Lecture: Professor Speight. Doing the Right Thing: Aristotle on Practical Wisdom*

Thursday, 1/20/00:  
(4) Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*  
Reading: *Nicomachean Ethics*, Books 8-9  

*Lecture: Professor Swanson. Aristotle on Friendship*

Tuesday, 1/25/00:  
(5) Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*  
Reading: *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book 10  

*Lecture: Professor Devlin. On Aristotle and Happiness*

Thursday, 1/27/00:  
(6) Confucius, *Analects*  
Reading: *Analects*, Books I-X  

*Lecture: Professor Berthrong. On Confucius*

Tuesday, 2/1/00:  
(7) Confucius, *Analects*  
Reading: *Analects*, Books XI-XX  

*Lecture: Professor Neville. Where is China?*
CC 102 Lecture and Exam Schedule, Spring 2000 (continued)

Tuesday, 2/1/00
2:00 p.m.
COM 101: (8) On Determinism
Reading: Coursework so far

Three Professors. Integrating Forum on Determinism

Thursday, 2/3/00: (9) Confucius, Analects
Reading: Analects, Books I-XX

Lecture: Professor Devlin. Confucius and Aristotle

Tuesday, 2/8/00: (10) Lao Tzu, Tao Te Ching
Reading: Tao Te Ching, Chapters 1-36

Lecture: Professor Berthrong. On Lao Tzu and Taoism

Thursday, 2/10/00: (11) Lao Tzu, Tao Te Ching
Tao Te Ching, Chapters 37-81

Lecture: Professor Bai. Religion and Art in China

Tuesday, 2/15/00: (12) The Bhagavad-Gita
Reading: The Bhagavad-Gita, Teachings 1-9

Lecture: Professor Devlin. On The Bhagavad-Gita

Thursday, 2/17/00: (13) The Bhagavad-Gita
Reading: The Bhagavad-Gita, Teachings 10-18

Lecture: Professor Eckel. On The Bhagavad-Gita

Tuesday, 2/22/00: MONDAY SCHEDULE. NO LECTURE.

Thursday, 2/24/00: (14) Buddhism
Reading: Handout

Lecture: Professor Eckel. On Buddhism
CC 102 Lecture and Exam Schedule, Spring 2000 (continued)

Tuesday, 2/29/00: (15) Epictetus, *The Enchiridion*
Reading: *The Enchiridion*

*Lecture: Professor Devlin. On Epictetus and the Stoics*

Tuesday, 2/29/00
7:00 p.m.
Place TBA
(16) *What Is It We Call Reality?*
Reading: Coursework so far

*Three Professors. Integrating Forum on the Nature of Reality*

Thursday, 3/2/00: (17) Vergil, *The Aeneid*
Reading: *Aeneid*, Books I-III

*Lecture: Professor Nelson. Roman History: From Polis to Empire*

Tuesday, 3/7/00: NO CLASS. SPRING BREAK.

Thursday, 3/9/00: NO CLASS. SPRING BREAK.

Tuesday, 3/14/00: (18) Vergil, *The Aeneid*
Reading: *Aeneid*, Books IV-VI

*Lecture: Professor Johnson. Reading Vergil*

Thursday, 3/16/00: (19) Vergil, *The Aeneid*
Reading: *Aeneid*, Books VI-X

*Lecture: Professor Scully. Amor/Roma: A Viable Palindrome?*

Tuesday, 3/21/00: (20) Vergil, *The Aeneid*
Reading: *Aeneid*, Books XI-XII

*Lecture: Professor Nelson. On The Aeneid as a War Poem*

Thursday, 3/23/00: (21) *The Gospel of Matthew*
Reading: Matthew, Chapters 1-14

*Three Professors. Integrating Forum On Creation*
CC 102 Lecture and Exam Schedule, Spring 2000 (continued)

Tuesday, 3/28/00:  (22) *The Gospel of Matthew*  
Reading: Matthew, Chapters 15-28  

*Lecture: Professor Fredriksen. On the Gospel of Matthew*

Thursday, 3/30/00:  (23) *The Gospel of John*  
Reading: John, Chapters 1-10  

*Lecture: Professor Devlin. On the Gospel of John*

Tuesday, 4/4/00:  (24) *The Gospel of John*  
Reading: John, Chapters 11-21  

*Lecture: Professor Eckel. On the Gospels as Sacred Texts*

Thursday, 4/6/00:  (25) *Augustine, The Confessions*  
Reading: Handout  

*Lecture: Professor Fredriksen. On Augustine*

Tuesday, 4/11/00:  (26) *Augustine, The Confessions*  
Reading: Handout  

*Lecture: Professor Speight. Philosophy and Theology in Augustine's Confessions*

Thursday, 4/13/00:  (27) *Dante, The Divine Comedy*  
Reading: *Inferno*, Cantos I-VI  

*Lecture: Professor Nelson. Dante and His Times*

Tuesday, 4/18/00:  (28) *Dante, The Divine Comedy*  
Reading: *Inferno*, Cantos VII-XXX  

*Lecture: Professor Costa. On Dante*

Tuesday, 4/18/00,  
7:00 p.m.  
Place TBA  
(29) *Mankind and the Environment*  
Reading: Coursework so far  

*Three Professors. Integrating Forum on Mankind and the Environment*
Thursday, 4/20/00:  (30) *The Art and Music of the Middle Ages*
Reading: *Inferno*, Cantos XXXI-XXXIV
                       *Purgatorio*, Cantos I-V, VII, IX-X

*Lecture: Professor Cranston, Professor Costa, and Students. Art and Music of the Middle Ages*

Tuesday, 4/25/00:  (31) *Dante, The Divine Comedy*
Reading: *Purgatorio*, Cantos XII, XVII, XIX, XXI-XXII, XXV,
                            XXVII-XXXI

*Lecture: Professor Johnson. On Dante's Purgatorio*

Thursday, 4/27/00:  (32) *Dante, The Divine Comedy*
Reading: *Paradiso*, Cantos I-IV, X, XIII-XIV

*Lecture: Professor Costa. On Dante's Purgatorio and Paradiso*

Tuesday, 5/2/00:  (33) *Dante, The Divine Comedy*
Reading: *Paradiso*, Cantos XVII-XIX, XXI-XXIII, XXX-XXXIII

*Lecture: Professor Devlin. On Dante and God*

Thursday, 5/4/00:  NO CLASS. STUDY PERIOD.

Tuesday, 5/9/00:  FINAL EXAM, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Tsai Center
Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, tr. Ostwald
Macmillan
ISBN 0-02-389-530-6

Confucius, *Analects*, tr. Waley
Random House

Lao Tzu, *Tao Te Ching*, tr. Addiss and Lombardo
Hackett

The Bhagavad Gita, tr. Miller
Bantam

Epictetus, *The Enchiridion*, tr. White
Hackett

Vergil, *The Aeneid*, tr. Fitzgerald
Vintage
ISBN 0-679-72952-6

The Bible, Revised Standard Version
New American Library
ISBN 0-452-00647-3

Augustine, Selections from the *Confessions* handout

Dante, *The Inferno*, tr. Mandelbaum
Bantam
ISBN 0-553-21339-3

Dante, *Purgatorio*, tr. Mandelbaum
Bantam

Dante, *Paradiso*, tr. Mandelbaum
Bantam
ISBN 0-553-21204-4