CC 102: Antiquity and the Medieval World

Syllabus

Spring 1996
Tuesday/Thursday, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Tsai Auditorium

Core Professors

Professor James Devlin (Philosophy)  Professor Allen Speight (Philosophy)
Professor Robert Richardson (Modern Languages)  Professor Stephanie Nelson (Core)
Professor Brian Jorgensen (English)  Professor Stephen Scully (Classics)
Professor Dennis Costa (Modern Languages)  Professor Marc Joseph (Core)
Professor George Hoffmann (Modern Languages)  Professor Philip Freeman (Core)
Professor Angelo Codevilla (Int'l Relations)  Professor David Eckel (Religion)
Professor James Johnson (History)

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.
“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
Lecture and Exam Schedule

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Tsai Auditorium, TR 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 1/16/96: (1) Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*
Reading: *Nicomachean Ethics*, Books I-IV

*Lecture: Professor Devlin. Introduction*

Thursday, 1/18/96: (2) Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*
Reading: *Nicomachean Ethics*, Books V-VII

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

Tuesday, 1/23/96: (3) Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*
Reading: *Nicomachean Ethics*, Books VIII-IX

*Lecture: Professor Swanson. Aristotle on Friendship*

Thursday, 1/25/96: (4) Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*
Reading: *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book X

*Lecture: Professor Devlin. On Aristotle and Happiness*

Tuesday, 1/30/96: (5) Confucius, *Analects*
Reading: *Analects*, Books I-X

*Lecture: Professor Neville. Where is China?*

Thursday, 2/1/96: (6) Confucius, *Analects*
Reading: *Analects*, Books XI-XX

*Lecture: Professor Berthrong. On Confucius*

Tuesday, 2/6/96: (7) Confucius, *Analects*
Reading: *Analects*, Books I-XX
Coordinating Lecture: Professor Devlin. Confucius and Aristotle

Thursday, 2/8/96:

(8) Lao Tzu, Tao Te Ching
Reading: Tao Te Ching, Chapters 1-36, pp. 97-165

Lecture: Professor Kohn. On Lao Tzu and Taoism

Tuesday, 2/13/96:

(9) Lao Tzu, Tao Te Ching
Reading: Tao Te Ching, Chapters 37-81, pp. 166-240

Lecture: Professor Ten Grotenhuis. Art and the Tao

Thursday, 2/15/96:

(11) The Bhagavad-Gita
Reading: Bhagavad-Gita, Teachings 1-9

Lecture: Professor Eckel. On The Bhagavad-Gita

Tuesday, 2/20/96:

MONDAY SCHEDULE. NO LECTURE.

Thursday, 2/22/96:

(10) The Bhagavad-Gita
Reading: The Bhagavad-Gita, Teachings 10-18

Lecture: Professor Devlin. On The Bhagavad-Gita

Tuesday, 2/27/96

(12) Buddhism
Reading: Handout

Lecture: Professor Eckel. On Buddhism

Thursday, 2/29/96:

(13) Epictetus, The Enchiridion
Reading: The Enchiridion

Lecture: Professor Devlin. On Epictetus and the Stoics

Tuesday, 3/5/96:

NO CLASS. SPRING BREAK.
Thursday, 3/7/96: NO CLASS. SPRING BREAK.

Tuesday, 3/12/96: (14) Vergil, The Aeneid  
Reading: Aeneid, Books I-III  

Coordinating Lecture: Professor Johnson. Vergil and the Rise of the Empire

Thursday, 3/14/96: (15) Vergil, The Aeneid  
Reading: Aeneid, Books IV-VI  

Lecture: Professor Lindholm. On the Women of The Aeneid

Tuesday, 3/19/96: (16) Vergil, The Aeneid  
Reading: Aeneid, Books VII-IX  

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

Thursday, 3/21/96: (17) Vergil, The Aeneid  
Reading: Aeneid, Books X-XII  

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

Tuesday, 3/26/96: (18) The Gospel of Matthew  
Reading: Matthew, Chapters 1-14  

Integrating Forum: Professors Marscher, Wildman, and Jorgensen. On Creation

Reading: Matthew, Chapters 15-28  

Lecture: Professor Fredriksen. On the Gospel of Matthew

Tuesday, 4/2/96: (20) The Gospel of John  
Reading: John, Chapters 1-10  

Lecture: Professor Eckel. On the Gospels as Sacred Texts
Thursday, 4/4/96:  
(21) *The Gospel of John*  
Reading: John, Chapters 11-21  

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

Tuesday, 4/9/96:  
(22) *Augustine, The Confessions*  
Reading: Handout  

*Lecture: Professor Fredriksen. On Augustine*

Thursday, 4/11/96:  
(23) *Dante, The Divine Comedy*  
Reading: *Inferno*, Cantos I-VI  

*Coordinating Lecture: Professor Johnson. Dante and His Times*

Tuesday, 4/16/96:  
(24) *Dante, The Divine Comedy*  
Reading: *Inferno*, Cantos VII-XXX  

*Lecture: Professor Costa. On Dante*

Thursday, 4/18/96:  
(25) *The Art and Music of the Middle Ages*  
Reading: *Inferno*, Cantos XXXI-XXXIV  
*Purgatorio*, Cantos I-III, V, VII, IX-X  

*Lecture: Professors Tholl and Costa; Students. The Art and Music of the Middle Ages*

Tuesday, 4/23/96:  
(26) *Dante, The Divine Comedy*  
Reading: *Purgatorio*, Cantos XII, XVII, XIX, XXI-XXII, XXV, XXVII-XXXI  

*Lecture: Professor Green On Dante’s Purgatorio*

Tuesday, 4/23/96  
7:00 p.m.  
SCI 107  
(27) *What Is It We Call Reality?*  
Reading: Coursework so far  

*Integrating Forum: Professors Marscher, Wildman, Costa, Jorgensen*
Thursday, 4/25/96: (28) Dante, *The Divine Comedy*
Reading: Paradiso, Cantos I-IV, X, XIII-XIV

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

Tuesday, 4/30/96: (29) Dante, *The Divine Comedy*
Reading: Paradiso, Cantos XVII-XIX, XXI-XXIII, XXX-XXXIII

*Lecture:* Professor Devlin. On Dante and God

Thursday, 5/2/96: NO CLASS. STUDY PERIOD.

Tuesday, 5/7/96: FINAL EXAM, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.