

Phil. 310; 11064; D115 Ethics

Day-To-Day syllabus; Spring '05* (32 classes)

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Mon;Wed; 5:30-6:45 PM

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TOPICS	NO.CLASSES	DATES	READINGS:BKST/NOTES
Ethics	2	1/19,24	To be or not to be? class notes:prol;Pref;Intro.
Slavic/Indo Europeans:			
<u>Tolstoy</u>	3	1/26,31,2/2	<u>The Death of Ivan Ilych</u> (notes) Chapter One
Occidental humans:			
Socrates: Ethics, Morals,religion	3	2/7,9,14	<u>Apology</u> (notes.) Chapter Two &/ Chapter Three
Chinese humans:			
<u>Confucius</u>	3	2/16,23,3\2	<u>Analects</u> ,Tao;notes
<u>Lao Tzu</u>	3	3/7, 9, 28	Chapter Four
<u>Discussion Paper #1: What relevance, if any does morals have to do with ethics?</u>			
2	3/14,16		
Occidental humans			
<u>Heraclitus</u>	3	3/30,4/4,6	Chapter Five;notes
Roman			
<u>Seneca</u>	2	4/11,13	<u>Essays on Suicide</u>
Occidental/Europeans			
David Hume	2	4/13,18	<u>Essay on Suicide</u> , notes
<u>Albert Camus</u>	3	4/20,25,27	<u>Myth of Sisyphus</u> ,
<u>Jean P. Sartre</u>	3	5/2,4,9	<u>Essay No Exit</u> ;notes Chap.Seven, Eight. Nine, notes
Japanese humans:			
<u>Okakura</u>	2	5/11,16	<u>The Book of Tea</u> , notes Chapter Ten, notes

Discussion paper # 2: What change, if any, has occurred in your view of ethics in relation to morals and/or of the standards of conduct between B.C. and A.D.?

2 5/18, (regular class time) 5/23*,Final exam day, Wed. 5/45-7:45 PM (?)

Final exam and/or discussion paper: If a mid-term appears, it will be a "take-home," to be given 3/09, due back in class on 3/16; in that case, the **second discussion paper will take the place of the final**, depending on the outcome of the first disc. papers. I reserve the right to give a final exam contingent upon the adequacy of the two discussion papers.

Students shall read each of the two discussion papers during the assigned class dates. Basic requirements for discussion papers: first, approximately **two pages** DOUBLE-SPACED, observing the requirements of the two pages of directions on grading and writing; secondly, answer the stated question(s). Grades shall reflect mid-term and discussion papers and **no grades will be posted**, since this instructor is interested in promoting learning, not grading.

The above syllabus reflects the topics and texts to be discussed in the class sessions on the dates indicated, so a student may prepare for the class sessions and/or read the materials in lieu of class, except in the case of the classes scheduled for discussion paper readings as specified. **THE ONLY CLASS ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT IS THE FOUR SCHEDULED CLASS DISCUSSION DAYS.** Failure to attend without prior notice means an **"F" for the course.**