PHIL 1311A: Philosophy of the Human Person  
Summer I; TTH 5:30-9:50; Strake 201  

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DESCRIPTION: This course is an introduction both to philosophy and to a philosophical way of studying the human person. Students should learn to read philosophical texts, write short argumentative philosophical papers, and publicly defend philosophical positions. We will consider the human person according to a philosophical order, beginning with the definition of the soul and concluding with a consideration of spirituality and immateriality.  

TEXTS:  

EVALUATION: There will be two exams, namely a mid-term and a final. There will be one short (1500-1800 word) paper which will focus on identifying and analyzing an argument or conceptual distinction from the previous day’s texts. You will be graded twice on this assignment. You will be graded on the first draft when you read the paper aloud to class during a “Presentation” period. Please sign up for a period and topic during the first week. After revising your paper in light of class and instructor comments, you will be graded on the final product, which is due on the last class day. If you plagiarize, you will fail the course. Class participation is expected. You must read the assignment if you wish to participate. “Pop Quizzes” will be distributed throughout the term at the beginning of class. There are no makeup “Pop Quizzes” for those who arrive late or miss class Civil Deportment is required (e.g., no chewing gum, inappropriate language, eating, hats, obnoxious comments, etc.). Do not turn on your computer or cell phone, or look at them during class. You can type up your notes after class. Absences will hurt your grade. Assuming few absences, the breakdown will be:  

Tests: 40% (20% each)  
Paper: 30% (15% presentation, 15% final)  
Quizzes: 15%  
Participation: 15%  

Disability: If you have a disability which may require special assistance, please contact Counseling Services/Disability Services, which is located on the second floor of Crooker Center. You may call Debby Jones or Rose Signorello at (713) 525-6983 or (713) 525-3162.
SCHEDULE:

May 26. Class Cancelled. (Flooding)

May 28. Introduction: Life and the Soul. (Lombo-Russo, Chapters 1-3; De Anima, II.1-2 [pp. 554-559])

June 2. The Living Body and the Soul’s Faculties/Powers. (Lombo-Russo, Chapters 4-5; De Anima, II.3-4 [pp. 559-564])

June 4. The External Senses. (Lombo-Russo, Chapter 6; De Anima, II.5-6, 12 [pp. 564-567, 580-581])

June 9. Mid-Term Exam

June 11. Internal Sense Experience and Intellect (Lombo-Russo, Chapters 7-8; De Anima, III.3 [pp. 586-589])

June 16. The Intellect and its Acts. (De Anima, III.4-8 [pp. 589-596])

June 18. Rational Appetite and Sense Appetite (Lombo-Russo, Chapters 9-10)

June 23. Spirituality, Death and Immortality (Lombo-Russo, Chapter 12; Thomas Aquinas, S.T., I, q. 75, art. 1-3, 6 [Blackboard])

June 25: FINAL EXAM