Course Description: A study of the many aspects of human nature: sensation, emotion, thought, will, habits, soul and body.


Missed exams will receive a zero, except in cases of emergency. Students wishing to reschedule exams must contact me prior to the date of the exam.

Cheating: Students who cheat on an exam or quiz and students who plagiarize on a paper will fail the course.

Disability: If you have any disability for which accommodation may be requested, please contact Counseling Services/Disability Services, located on the second floor of Crooker Center.

Grade Assessment: Students' grades will consist of 400 points, broken down into the following elements:

- 3 tests ........ 300 pts.
- 5 papers ....... 100 pts.

These values may change slightly.

Grades will then be determined by the following percentile scale:

- 100-96 A; 96-92 A-; 92-88 B+; 88-84 B; 84-80 B-; 80-76 C+; 76-72 C; 72-68 C-; 68-56 D; 56-0 F.

Attendance: 3/4 points participation will be given for each complete day of attendance. These points will be added gratis onto the student’s total score for the semester.
OUTLINE OF COURSE MATERIAL (all dates are estimates)

I. Logic
   A. Square of opposition (Tue, Aug 25)
   B. Syllogism (Thu, Aug 27)
   C. Hypothetical (Thu, Aug 27)

II. The senses
   A. External senses: perception of the world around us
      1. Modern views of perception
         a. Descartes’s Meditations 1 and 2 (Tue, Sep 1)
         b. Other modern philosophers (Tue, Sep 1)
         c. Eddington – Introduction (Tue, Sep 1)
      2. Actions
         a. Transient actions (Thu, Sep 3)
         b. Immanent actions (Thu, Sep 3)
   B. Internal senses
      1. Potency and actuality (Tue, Sep 8)
      2. Non-mental living powers (Tue, Sep 8)
      3. Internal senses (Tue, Sep 8)
         a. Imagination
         b. Estimative
         c. Memory
         d. Common sense
   C. Appetites (or emotions)
      1. I, 81, 1 (Thu, Sep 10)
      2. I, 81, 2 (Thu, Sep 10)
      3. What is an inclination (Thu, Sep 10)
      4. Different kinds of emotions (Thu, Sep 10)

III. Reason and the soul
   A. Can computers think
   B. Different views on the soul
   C. Language in chimpanzees

Paper #1 (Wed, Sep 2, midnight)
   a. I, 17, 2. (Thu, Sep 3)
   b. I, 85, 2. (Thu, Sep 3)

Paper #2 (Wed, Sep 16, midnight)
   1. Debicella – “Artificial Intelligence” (Thu, Sep 17)
   2. Searle – “Can Computers Think” (Tue, Sep 22)

Test #1 (Thu, Sep 24)

Paper #3 (Wed, Sep 30, midnight)
   1. Phaedo, 57a-72e (Thu, Oct 1)
   2. Descartes’s Method and Meditations (Tue, Oct 6)

no class (Thu, Oct 8)

Fall Break (Tue, Oct 13)
   3. Dembski – “Are We Spiritual Machines?” (Thu, Oct 15)
   4. Aristotle De anima (Thu, Oct 15)
   5. materialism (Thu, Oct 15)
   6. Dualism (Thu, Oct 15)
   7. Hylomorphism (Thu, Oct 15)

C. Language in chimpanzees
   1. Fleming – “State of the Apes” (Tue, Oct 20)
   3. Britt – “Bird’s Warning Chirps Reveal Surprising Smarts” (Tue, Oct 20)
   4. Monkeys Using Tools (Tue, Oct 20)
   5. Sebeok – “Performing Animals: Secrets of the Trade” (Tue, Oct 20)
   6. Terrace – “How Nim Chimpsky Changed My Mind” (Tue, Oct 20)
D. Reason
  1. Phaedo, 72e-78a (Thu, Oct 22)
  2. I, 84, 7. (Tue, Oct 27)
  3. I, 85, 1. (Tue, Oct 27)
  4. I, 85, 5. (Tue, Oct 27)
  5. I, 85, 6. (Tue, Oct 27)

Test #2 (Thu, Oct 29)

E. Immortality of the soul
  1. Phaedo, 78a-88c (Thu, Nov 5)
  2. I, 75, 2. (Tue, Nov 10)
  3. I, 75, 6. (Tue, Nov 10)

IV. Free will
A. Reading

Paper #4 (Wed, Nov 11, midnight)
  2. Hume – Compatibilism (Thu, Nov 12)
  3. Taylor – “Freedom and Determinism” (Thu, Nov 12)

B. Three views on free will
  1. Determinism (Tue, Nov 17)
  2. Compatibilism (Thu, Nov 19)
  3. Agency or self-determination (Tue, Nov 24)

Paper #5 (Mon, Nov 23, midnight)

Thanksgiving break (Thu, Nov 26)

C. Aquinas on the will
  1. I, 82, 1. (Tue, Dec 1)
  2. I, 82, 2. (Tue, Dec 1)
  3. I-II, 9, 1. (Tue, Dec 1)
  4. I-II, 9, 2. (Tue, Dec 1)
  5. I-II, 9, 3. (Tue, Dec 1)
  6. I-II, 13, 6. (Tue, Dec 1)

V. Human purpose
A. Reading
  1. Phaedo, 88c - 118a (Thu, Dec 3)
  2. Leo Tolstoy, “My Confession,” (Thu, Dec 3)

Test #3 (to be determined)