PHIL 2316 A

Medieval Philosophy 2/3316

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T-TH 2:10- 3:25 pm

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OBJECTIVES:

To understand, compare and critique major medieval philosophers on these topics: God, human nature and ethical/political actions

To learn the genres in which medieval philosophy is written: biography, prayer, dialogue, disputation, mirror or speculum.

To understand the historical, cultural and social context within which medieval authors lived, studied and wrote.

To recognize and analyze philosophical arguments related to problems of God, human nature and ethical/political actions.

REQUIREMENTS: Mid-term and Final Exams 40%; Five (2316) or Seven (3316) written assignments 50%; Class Participation & Questions 10%

The University policies requiring intellectual honesty and the penalties for plagiarism will be strictly enforced.

No electronic paraphernalia in class, unless you need this accommodation. Any student with a disability requiring accommodations in this course is encouraged to contact me after class or during office hours. Additionally, students will need to contact Counseling and Disability Services in Crooker Center. This office can be reached at (713) 525-2169 or 6953.

TEXTS:
St. Augustine, Confessions trans by Sarah Ruden Modern Library Modern Library


Anselm, *Proslogion with the Replies of Gaunilo and Anselm*. (Blackboard)


*On Kingship to the King of Cyprus*. Translated by Gerald B. Phelan; revised with an introduction and notes by I.Th. Eschmann. (Blackboard)


**SCHEDULE:**

**Thursday 18 January:** The Medieval World View

**Tuesday 23 January:** Augustine, *Confessions* I-II: Childhood & Adolescence

**Thursday 25 January** III- V: Sin, Manichaeism and Friends

**Tuesday 30 January:** *Confessions* VI- VII: Materialism & Neo-Platonism

**Thursday 01 February:** *Confessions* VIII-IX: Vocation & Baptism

**Tuesday 06 February:** *Confessions* X: Memory

**Thursday 08 February:** Boethius *Consolation of Philosophy* I-II

**Tuesday 13 February:** Boethius *Consolation of Philosophy* III-

**Thursday 15 February:** Boethius *Consolation of Philosophy* IV- V

**Tuesday 20 February:** Anselm, *Monologion*, Preface; *Proslogion* Preface, c. 1

**Thursday 22 February:** *Proslogion*, 1- 4
**Tuesday 27 February:** *The Calamities of Peter Abelard (Historia calamitatum)*

**Thursday 01 March:** *The Debate over the Universals*

**Tuesday 06 March** *The Letters of Heloise & Abelard:* The Personal Letters 1-4

**Thursday 08 March:** Mid-Term Exam

**12- 16 March:** Spring Break

**Tuesday 20 March** Thomas Aquinas, ST I, Q. 1. Averroes (Ibn Rushd), Averroes, *Decisive Treatise*


**Tuesday 27 March** ST I, Q. 44-45

**29- 30 March:** Easter Break

**Tuesday 03 April** ST I, Q. 75

**Thursday 05 April** ST I, Q. 79, aa. 1-3

**Tuesday 10 April** ST I, Q. 81-83

**Thursday 12 April** ST I-II, Q. 90-91

**Tuesday 17 April** ST I-II, Q. 94-95

**Thursday 19 April** Thomas Aquinas, *On Kingship* Bk I, cc. I-VI

**Tuesday 24 April:** *On Kingship* Bk I, cc. VII-XIII- Bk II, cc. I- IV

**Thursday 26 April:** Christine De Pizan, *Treasure of the City of Ladies* I cc. 1-20.

**Tuesday 01 May:** Christine De Pizan, *Treasure of the City of Ladies* I, cc. 21; II, cc. 9, 13.

**Thursday 03 May:** Machiavelli, *The Prince*

10 December: Final Exam 6:00- 8:30