

GNE101: An Introduction to Arts and Sciences N7F

Lecture: Thursdays 12:35-2:20 in E345, Tutorial Thursdays 2:25-3:15 in E303

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Week	Class Date	Topics and Readings	Assessments/Activities
1	Sept 5	Unit 1: How Do We Know What is Real? Plato's Allegory of the Cave Reading: "The Allegory of the Cave" by Plato	Tutorial Activity (5%)
2	Sept 12	Clifford on the Ethics of Belief Reading: "The Ethics of Belief" by Clifford	Tutorial Activity (5%)
3	Sept 19	Science and Knowledge Reading: "Paradigms Lost" by Barash	Unit 1 Quiz (5%)
4	Sept 26	Unit 2: What Makes Us Who We Are? The Philosophy of Personal Identity Reading: "The Banality of Heroism" by Franco and Zimbardo	Tutorial Activity (5%)
5	Oct 3	The Psychology of Anxiety Reading: "Anxiety" by Freeman and Freeman (The Dr Jim Remix)	Quiz on Anxiety (5%)
6	Oct 10	Existentialism Reading: "Untimely Meditations" by Nietzsche	Tutorial Activity (5%)
7	Oct 17	Midterm Test (Units 1 & 2) (20%)	
Reading Week (No Class on Oct 24)			
8	Oct 31	Unit 3: What Forces Shape Our World? The History of Capitalism Reading: "Capitalism: Where Do We Come From?" by Heilbroner and Thurow	Tutorial Activity (5%)
9	Nov 7	Climate Change Reading: "Climate Change" by Davidson	Tutorial Activity (5%)
10	Nov 14	It's Time For a New Economic Paradigm Reading: "It's Time for a New Economic Paradigm," by Suzuki	Unit 3 Quiz (5%)
11	Nov 21	Unit 4: What Makes Us Happy? Hedonism	Tutorial Activity (5%)

		Reading: "Consolation for Not Having Enough Money" by de Botton	
12	Nov 28	The Psychology of Happiness Reading: "The Futile Pursuit of Happiness" by Gertner Reading: "Infatuation" by Fisher	Tutorial Activity (5%)
13	Dec 5	Meaning and Happiness Reading: "Experiences in a Concentration Camp" by Frankl Reading: "There's More to Life than Being Happy" by Esfahani Smith	Unit 4 Quiz (5%)
14	Dec 12	Final Test (Units 3 & 4) (20%)	

Course Evaluations Summary:

Evaluation	Weighting
Tutorial Activities (reflection, collaboration)	8 x 5% = 40%
Quizzes	4 x 5% = 20%
Midterm Test	20%
Final Test	20%
Total	100%

Course Delivery Policies:

This is an in-person class, and both lecture and tutorial attendance are very important. A significant portion of your grade will consist of tutorial activities. If, for a legitimate and serious reason, you must miss a tutorial activity, there will be one opportunity to make-up an activity from Weeks 1-6 (the make-up activity will occur before the midterm test), and another opportunity to make up an activity from Weeks 8-13 (the make-up activity will occur before the final test). Additional absences may result in a grade of zero until you speak to me (ideally in advance) about serious and exceptional circumstances that warrant and explain further absences.

Please note that per departmental policy for GNED 101, one test (a time-bound assessment worth more than 15%) can be made up at the end of the semester. For our class, this means that the midterm test can be made up at the end of the semester if you miss it.

If you have accommodations and wish to make use of them, it is your responsibility to email me in advance of the assessments (allow at least three full business days).