PHIL 111  Multicultural Philosophy

Text
Packet of readings, purchase at the bookstore in Centennial Hall.

Grades
100 points total for the course. Standard grade scale (90-100% = A, 80-89% = B, etc.) unless a “curve” is warranted.

Requirements
1. Ten to twelve papers, 2 points each, summarizing the reading assignments and class material. Due every Friday, beginning September 6, unless announced otherwise. No late papers accepted.
2. Three multiple-choice exams, 25-30 points each, one following each of the three Topics and Readings, dates as announced.

Make-up exams are allowed only in cases of unforeseeable, uncontrollable emergencies. Documentation and notification of the emergency within 24 hours of the exam time must be provided to the instructor.

Rules
1. No texting with or talking on or otherwise using any electronic device. Violation: 5 points deducted.
2. No sleeping, socializing, or reading anything but the text or handouts. Violation: 5 points deducted.
3. No rude or disrespectful behavior toward students or the instructor. Violation: 5 points deducted.

Topics and Reading Assignments

1. Moral Philosophy
   Buddhism
   - The Buddha, “The Four Noble Truths”
   - Walpola Rahula, “The Fourth Noble Truths”
   Islam
   - Abu'l A'la Mawdudi, “Political Theory of Islam”
   Western Liberalism
   - John Stuart Mill, On Liberty (excerpt)
   Native American
   - Ed McGaa, “We Are All Related”
   Animal Ethics
   - Peter Singer, “All Animals Are Equal”

2. Metaphysics & Epistemology
   Taoism
   - Lao tzu, Tao Te Ching (excerpt)
   Vedanta
   - Shankara, The Crest-Jewel of Discrimination (excerpt)
   European Idealism
   - George Berkeley, The Principles of Human Knowledge (excerpt)
   Western Analytic Rationalism
   - Rene Descartes, “Meditations I and II”
   Western Analytic Empiricism
   - David Hume, An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding (excerpt)
3. Philosophy of Religion

*Christian Theology*
  - St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica* (excerpt)

*Western Analytic Rationalism*
  - Rene Descartes, “Meditation V”

*Western Analytic Empiricism*
  - William Paley, *Natural Theology* (excerpt)

*Ancient Chinese Philosophy*
  - Hsun tzu, “The Nature of Man is Evil”

*African Philosophy*
  - Kwame Gyekye, “The Problem of Evil”

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*Email correspondence only for notification of emergencies within 24 hours of a scheduled exam.*