

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”

Walpolo 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”

Bonnie Steinbock, “Speciesism and the Idea of Equality”

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.