

Introduction to Humanities (HUMA 1301) - Common Course Syllabus Fall 2019 – Sections 004 and 272

Department: Behavioral Sciences

Discipline: Humanities

Course Number: HUMA 13-1

Formats: Conventional; INET

Prerequisites: TSI reading compliance for INET Available

Course Name: Introduction to Humanities

Campuses: Levelland, Reese, Lubbock Center, Plainview, INET

Credit: 3 **Lecture:** 3 **Lab:** 0

Does this course satisfy a core curriculum requirement? Yes- Language, Philosophy & Culture

Textbook: The Art of Being Human: The Humanities as a Technique for Living by Richard Janaro & Thelma Altshuler, 11th ed. ISBN: 9780134240305 Pearson

Course Specific Instructions: refer to individual instructor's course information sheet

Course Description: This course is an interdisciplinary, multi-perspective assessment of cultural, political, philosophical, and aesthetic factors critical to the formulation of values and the historical development of the individual and of society.

Course Purpose: This course is an introductory course designed to acquaint students with a broad understanding of how the arts interface with individual and societies. A holistic approach will be utilized to explore ideas of aesthetic and intellectual creation in order to understand the human experience across cultures.

Course Requirements: To maximize the potential to successfully complete this course, the student should attend all class meetings, complete all homework assignments in a timely manner, and complete all examinations including the final exam. Internet courses require the work to be completed in specific time periods.

Course Evaluation: Refer to the instructor's course information sheet for specifics on assignments and testing. Attendance Policy: Whenever absences become excessive, and in the instructor's opinion, minimum course objectives cannot be met due to absences, the student may be withdrawn from the course. The typical view of excessive absences is when a student misses more than two weeks of the course.

Student Learning Outcomes/Competencies: Students who have successfully completed this course will be expected to:

- Demonstrate awareness of the scope and variety of works in the arts and humanities.
- Articulate how these works express the values of the individual and society within an historical and social context.
- Articulate an informed personal response and critically analyze works in the arts and humanities.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the influence of literature, philosophy, and the arts on cultural experiences.
- Demonstrate an awareness of the creative process and why humans create.

Core Objectives addressed:

- Communication skills- to include effective written, oral and visual communication.
- Critical thinking skills- to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.
- Social Responsibility- to include the demonstrated intercultural knowledge and competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national and global communities.
- Personal Responsibility – to include the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making.

Relevant SPC Policies & Procedures Attendance Policy:

Students are expected to attend all classes in order to be successful in a course. The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined in the course syllabus. When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed. It is the student's responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor.

Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first class meeting. Students who enroll in a course but have "Never Attended" by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who does not meet the attendance requirements of a class as stated in the course syllabus and does not officially withdraw from that course by the official census date of the semester, may be administratively withdrawn from that course and receive a grade of "X" or "F" as determined by the instructor. Instructors are responsible for clearly stating their administrative drop policy in the course syllabus, and it is the student's responsibility to be aware of that policy. It is the student's responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through MySPC using his or her student online account. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment.

See Course Information Sheet in individual courses for more information on course attendance policy.

Disability Services Policy:

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office.

For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland Student Health & Wellness Center 806-716-2577, Reese Center (also covers ATC) Building 8: 806-716-4675, Plainview Center Main Office: 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611, or the Health and Wellness main number at 806-716-2529. See South Plains College General Catalog for more information. For more information about SPC Disability Services, please click on the following link: <https://myspc.southplainscollege.edu/ICS/Students/FYI/>

Academic Integrity Policy:

It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension. • Cheating: Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the text- book or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in an office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of course work. This applies to quizzes of what- ever length, as well as to final examinations, to daily reports and to term papers. • Plagiarism: Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment,

is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identifiable expression of material taken from books, Internet resources, encyclopedias, magazines and other reference works, or from the themes, reports or other writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism. See South Plains College Student Guide and South Plains College General Catalog for more information. See instructor's course information sheet for more information.

Student Conduct Policy:

Classroom Conduct: Failure to comply with lawful direction of a classroom teacher relative to maintaining good order is considered misconduct on the part of the student. Repeated violations of disrupting a class may result in the student being dropped from that course. • See South Plains College Student Handbook for full policy covering other areas of conduct including penalties for misconduct and procedures for disciplinary action.

Campus Carry Policy: South Plains College permits the lawful carry of concealed handguns in accordance with Texas state law, and Texas Senate Bill 11. Individuals possessing a valid License to Carry permit, or the formerly issued Concealed Handgun License, may carry a concealed handgun at all campus locations except for the following.

- Natatorium
- For a complete list of campus carry exclusions zones by event, please visit <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php>

Grade and Academic Discipline Appeals:

South Plains College provides two procedures which allow students the opportunity to address grievances of an academic nature. **Appeal Restrictions:** Only final grades or dismissal resulting from academic discipline will be considered. The instructor's teaching ability or expertise will not be considered during the hearing. No grade or disciplinary action can be formally appealed after a period of six (6) months from the date that the student is informed

Informal Appeal

The student should schedule an appointment with the instructor of the course to discuss the final grade or disciplinary action. If the student is still not satisfied, she should schedule an appointment with the appropriate departmental chairperson to discuss the situation. The chairperson may request that the instructor also be present. o If the student is still not satisfied, he she should schedule an appointment with the Divisional Dean to discuss the situation. The dean may request that the chairperson also be present. o If the student is still not satisfied, he she should be advised of the formal appeal process.

Formal Appeal

If the student is not satisfied with the results of the informal appeal, s/he should provide the following information, in writing, to the Vice President for Academic Affairs:

- A request for a formal appeals hearing.
- A brief statement of what is being appealed. o The basis for the appeal.
- Pertinent facts relating to the appeal.

The agenda of the appeals hearing will include only those factors documented in the student's appeal request letter. The Vice President for Academic Affairs will determine the date, time and place of the hearing, and notify the student accordingly.

The Hearing/Composition of the appeals committee:

- Vice President for Academic Affairs will preside over the hearing.
- Faculty member of the student's choice.
- Faculty member and student selected by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- President of Student Government Association.
- Dean of Students.

Other persons who should be available at the hearing:

- The student who requested the hearing.
- The faculty member involved.
- Anyone the student or faculty member wishes to be present to substantiate the case.
- Chairperson and Divisional Dean.

Hearing procedure:

- The committee will hear the student's appeal during which the parties to the controversy and such representatives as desired will present all facts relating to the case. By majority vote, the committee will decide to sustain, amend or reverse the previous decision.
- The decision of the committee is final and completes the academic appeals procedure. See South Plains College Student Guide. Equal Rights Policy: All students are entitled to equal rights under the affirmative action and equal opportunity laws. Students are also protected against unjust or biased academic evaluation, but at the same time, they are responsible for maintaining standards of academic performance established for each course in which they are enrolled. See South Plains College Student Guide.

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Section 004 Meeting Time Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 am-12:15 pm Administration Building Room 155	Section 272 Meeting Time Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-2:15 p.m. Lubbock Center 116
Section 004 Final Exam Time: Monday, December 9 from 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Levelland Administration Room 155	Section 272 Final Exam time: Thursday, December 12 from 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Lubbock Center 116
Office Hours: Mondays: 8:45-9:30 a.m.; 2:15-5:00 p.m. (Levelland Campus) Tuesdays: 8:30-11 a.m.; 2:15-3:00 p.m. (Lubbock Center) Wednesdays: 8:45-9:30 a.m. (Levelland Campus) Thursdays: 2:15-2:45 p.m. (Lubbock Center)	

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CLASSROOM POLICIES:

Respect for Fellow Students: It is the policy of South Plains College to offer all educational and employment opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability or age. All students will maintain respect for fellow classmates' personal beliefs, values, morals and life situations. In short, "Bigotry will not be tolerated." (Student Guide)

Electronic Devices: Cell phones must be silenced and put away while in the classroom. Devices used for note-taking are permitted, but should be used responsibly and must not create distractions for you or others. Headphones will not be allowed during class.

Tardiness: Please do your best to manage your time well and be on time to class. If you are tardy, please enter the room quietly and take a seat as close to the door as you can get. Being late to class is disruptive to your fellow classmates. Being late to class is disruptive to your fellow classmates and is therefore subject to the same consequences listed in the Disruptive Behavior policy.

Disruptive Behavior: Do your best to be respectful of others and their right to learn in a peaceful environment in all aspects of classroom behavior. Disruptive behavior includes, but is not limited to creating distractions, talking out of turn, talking with classmates during lecture, wandering in and out of class, chronically showing up late, chronically leaving early, or improper use of technology. "Failure to comply with lawful directions of a classroom teacher relative to maintaining good order is considered misconduct on the part of the student. Repeated violations of disrupting a class will result in the student being dropped from the course." (See Student Guide)

Attendance & Administrative Drop Policy: Attendance will be taken during each class meeting. Students will be responsible for material presented and discussed in class. Due to South Plains College attendance policies,

any student who fails to attend 5 classes during the semester or fails to attempt a minimum of two major grades may be dropped from the course with an 'X' or 'F.'

Academic Integrity: See College Catalog "Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgement, is plagiarism..." For further information and examples please see www.plagiarism.org. Handing in work that was submitted for completion of another course will not be permitted. Students found guilty of such academic dishonesty in any form will receive a zero the work in question and will be dropped from the course with an 'F' should a second offense occur.

Late work: Please note that it is the students' responsibility to plan ahead to submit assignments on time. I do not typically grant extensions. If you are traveling, etc. and are unsure of your access to the internet, it is strongly recommended that you plan ahead and submit assignments and take quizzes early. If for some reason the Blackboard system is down and the class has trouble accessing the quiz (this is rare but has been known to happen) I will work with the class to create a new due date. The key is this: internet access is required for this course, if you are unsure of your potential access submit early! Generally, lack of internet access and computer issues are not acceptable excuses for late assignments.

At times, extraordinary circumstances may occur in student's lives that impact their assignment submission. In these circumstances, course assignments (e.g., quizzes, written assignments, etc.) might be granted an extension from the instructor. Extensions are granted for extraordinary circumstances such as death in the family, illness, etc. If you feel your circumstance may warrant an extension, please contact the instructor within one week of the original assignment due date to request an extension. Please note that failure to plan ahead and allow time to complete a project does not usually warrant an extension. You are welcome to turn the assignment in late, it will just have a late penalty (please see the following paragraph for more information on the course late policy).

All assignments are considered late if they are not submitted by 11:59 PM CST on the day they are due. For each week that assignments are late, a 10% deduction in the overall grade for that assignment will be enforced. Assignments will not be accepted after two weeks past the original due date, except with instructor permission. Instructor permission will be granted at the instructor's discretion only for extraordinary circumstances, provided the student contacts the instructor within one week of the original discussion post due date to request the extension.

Assignments will not be accepted after the last official day of class.

Methods for Assessing Expected Student Learning Outcomes: Quizzes, writing assignments, midterm exam, final exam.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS/GRADING INFORMATION:**Quizzes (each quiz is worth up to 40 points for a total of 400 points or 40% of the overall course grade):**

There will be thirteen (13) quizzes over the assigned readings and course materials. Quizzes are designed to assess your understanding of the course materials. You will have the opportunity to take each quiz two times and keep your highest score. The lowest three quiz grades (including zeros for any missed quizzes) will be dropped at the end of the semester. This means that ten quiz scores will be used to calculate your final grade in the course.

All quizzes are taken in Blackboard and are timed. Once you start a quiz, you must complete it. You will not be able to log back into a quiz once you have opened it. Please make arrangements to take each quiz on a computer with a secure internet connection. You must take the quizzes individually.

Please see the course schedule for due dates. Generally speaking, you should expect to have one quiz each week that is due in Blackboard by 11:59 pm on Sunday evening.

Written Reviews (each Review assignment is worth up to 100 points for a total of 400 points or 40% of the overall course grade):

Each student will be required to write four (4) reviews. Each review should be 1-2 double-spaced pages with 12-point font and use 1 inch margins. These reviews will cover a variety of areas within the humanities. Topics might include (1) art exhibits, theater performances, or music events on the South Plains College Campus or in the local area; (2) movies or television programs; or (3) relevant videos on websites such as the Khan Academy.

Including personal experience with the topic is optional, but it must be relevant to the topic if it is included and it should not be the main focus of the composition. Assignments must be typed and correctly submitted through Blackboard. Your composition should follow the guidelines of standard written English, and should follow basic essay format including an introduction, logical paragraph flow, and a conclusion. Papers cannot be submitted through email.

See Course Calendar for all specific deadlines. More specific instruction will be given in class during the semester

Final Exam (worth up to 200 points or 20% of the overall course grade)

This objective (true/false, matching, multiple choice exam will be taken during the time allotted for final exams. This exam will be cumulative.

During exams everything you brought to class that day will be kept out of sight the entire time. This includes all electronic devices (i.e., cell phones, tablets, laptops, etc.), notebooks, backpacks, purses, etc. No “headgear” of any kind will be worn, including headphones. All you need is a pencil.

Grading Policy & Method of Evaluation:**Summary of Assignments**

Assignment	Possible Points
Online Quizzes	400
Written Reviews	400
Final Exam	200
Total Points Possible =	1000

Final Grades will be determined by calculating the total amount of points earned by you this semester. Using the scale below, your instructor will determine the corresponding letter grade.

A = 900-1000 points

B = 800-899 points

C = 700-799 points

D = 600-699 points

F = 599 (or below) points

TENTATIVE COURSE CALENDAR/OUTLINE		
Calendar Week/Dates	Course Topics and Assigned Readings	Assignments <i>(due in Blackboard by 11:59 PM on Sundays unless otherwise noted)</i>
Week One Monday, August 26 – Sunday, September 1	The Humanities – A Shining Beacon READ: Chapter 1	Quiz 1
Week Two Monday, September 2 – Sunday September 8	The Humanities and Critical Thinking READ: Chapter 2	Quiz 2
Week Three Monday, September 9 - Sunday, September 15	Myth and the Origins of the Humanities READ: Chapter 3	Quiz 3
Week Four Monday, September 16 – Sunday, September 22	Literature READ: Chapter 4	Quiz 4 Written Review #1
Week Five Monday, September 23 – Sunday, September 29	Art READ: Chapter 5	Quiz 5
Week Six Monday, September 30 – Sunday, October 6	Music READ: Chapter 6	Quiz 6
Week Seven Monday, October 7 – Sunday, October 13	Theater READ: Chapter 7	Quiz 7 Written Review #2
Week Eight Monday, October 14 – Sunday, October 20	The Musical Stage READ: Chapter 8	Quiz 8
Week Nine Monday, October 21 – Sunday, October 27	Film and Television READ: Chapter 9	Quiz 9
Week Ten Monday, October 28 – Sunday, November 3	Religion READ: Chapter 10	Quiz 10 Written Review #3

Week Eleven Monday, November 4 – Sunday, November 10	Morality READ: Chapter 11	Quiz 11
Week Twelve Monday, November 11 – Sunday, November 17	Happiness and Love READ: Chapters 12 and 13	Quiz 12
Week Thirteen Monday, November 18 – Sunday, November 24	Life-Affirmation READ: Chapter 14	Quiz 13 Written Review #4
Week Fourteen Monday, November 25 – Sunday, December 1 Happy Thanksgiving! No Classes on November 27	Nature READ: Chapter 15	
Week Fifteen Monday, December 2 – Sunday, December 8	Freedom READ: Chapter	
Final Exam Week December 9-12		Section 004 Final Exam: Monday, December 9 from 8-10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. Levelland Administration 155 Section 272 Final Exam: Thursday, December 12 from 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Lubbock Center 116

IMPORTANT DATES:

Labor Day Holiday	September 2
12th class day (non-attending students will be dropped)	September 11
Last day to drop/withdraw from a class	November 14
Thanksgiving Break	November 27-29
Last Regular Day of Class	December 4
Fall Final Exams Week	December 9-12