

Huron Brief Course Outlines

Fall/Winter 2023-2024

Course Title: Pursuit of Happiness

Course Number and Section

GLOBAL GREAT BOOKS

1002F - 550

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Course Description:

This course explores a variety of accounts regarding human happiness through the reading of primary texts from around the world, from the ancient to the contemporary period. Students will explore what it means to be happy from a number of global perspectives.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will learn to read and think critically.
2. Students will gain the ability to analyze ideas and situations, make considered decisions and form coherent, reasoned and fact-based judgements.
3. Students will become familiar with a selection of the writings of the world’s influential writers and acquire an understanding of key components of various cultural traditions.
4. Students will learn to be clear and concise writers.
5. This course will prepare students for further courses in Global Great Books.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Homer, *The Odyssey* (trans. Emily Wilson; Norton, 2018)

Lao Tzu, *Tao Te Ching* (trans. Stephen Mitchell; Harper Perennial, 1988)

Voltaire, *Candide* (trans. Theo Cuffe; Penguin, 2005)

Aldous Huxley, *Brave New World* (Vintage Canada, 2007)

Methods of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation	Ongoing	15%
Quizzes	Ongoing	20%
2 Writing Assignments	Oct. 17 and Nov. 9	30%

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Group Presentation	Nov. 30 and Dec. 5	15%
Final Exam	Dec. TBD	20%

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.