

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **The Pursuit of Happiness**

Course Number and Section:

GGB

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:

Students will explore ideas about the human condition.
Students will seek to understand the historical and cultural context of ideas.
Students will analyze and articulate their own beliefs.
Students will improve their ability to understand and engage with philosophical arguments.
Students will increase their skills in literary analysis.
Students will gain familiarity with works from a variety of global traditions.
Students will hone their ability to write clearly and argue convincingly.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Homer, *The Odyssey* (trans. Emily Wilson)

Lao Tzu, *The Tao Te Ching* (trans. Stephen Mitchell)

Tsangnyön Heruka, *The Life of Milarepa* (trans. Andrew Quintman)

Fyodor Dostoevsky, *Crime and Punishment* (trans. Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky)

All other readings will be provided on our OWL website.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Preparation and Participation		25%

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Writing assignment #1	10/03/24	25%
Writing assignment #2	11/14/24	25%
Final exam	TBD	25%

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

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