

## Huron Brief Course Outlines

Fall/Winter 2023-2024

**Course Title:** Human Nature and the Meaning of Life

**Course Number and Section**

GLOBAL GREAT BOOKS

2000F - 550

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### Course Description:

This interdisciplinary course explores what it means to be human. Through the exclusive study of complete primary texts from around the world, including, but not limited to works of philosophy, literature, and film, students will investigate questions surrounding the idea of human nature and the purpose of human life.

### Learning Outcomes:

- Explore ideas about the human condition and articulate their own
- Understand the historical and cultural contexts of ideas
- Analyze and articulate their own belief systems
- Improve their ability to understand and engage with philosophical arguments
- Gain familiarity with works from a variety of global traditions
- Hone their ability to write clearly and argue convincingly

### Textbooks and Course Materials:

This course will take the shape of twice-weekly discussions. Students are expected to come to class having done the reading as provided and identified questions and topics of interest. Class participation, in person and on OWL, will be worth 20% of your final grade.

### Methods of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Preparation and participation:		20%
Two article reviews		15%
Writing assignment #1		15%
Writing assignment #2:		15%

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Due Date mm/dd/yy</b>	<b>Weight - %</b>
Midterm Exam:		20%
Podcast Assignment:		15%

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