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**TITLE:** Introduction to Philosophical Anthropology

**TERM:** September to December 2018 [20189]

**PROFESSOR:** Dr. Sean Mulrooney

**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO \_\_\_\_\_

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

In this course, we will examine different theories of human nature by reading philosophical, psychological, religious and personal accounts. Our examination will be guided by two focusing questions: "What makes me happy?" and "What keeps me from being happy?". We will address these questions on both individual and communal levels. Students will constantly be encouraged to connect the theories discussed in class with their own experience.

**CLASS OBJECTIVES:**

1. To explain, evaluate and compare different theories of human nature.
2. To explain, discuss and evaluate different theories of addiction.
3. To apply theories of human nature and addiction to our own lives and to the lives of others.

**PREREQUISITES:**

None.

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Alcoholics Anonymous. *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. New York: Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, 1952.

Augustine. *Confessions*. Trans. H. Chadwick. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1990.

Lamott, Anne. *Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith*. New York: Random House, 1999.

May, Gerald G. *Addiction and Grace*. New York: HarperCollins Publishing Company, 1988.

Other texts will be posted online.

**POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:**

Class participation	33.3%
6-8 page research paper comparing 2 theories of human nature	33.3%
6-8 page reflection paper	33.3%

**ABRIDGED BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

Aquinas, Thomas. *Summa Theologica*, trans. by the Fathers of the English Dominican Province. New York: Benzinger Brothers Incorporated, 1947.

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, trans. H. G. Apostle. Grinnell: Peripatetic Press, 1984.

Darwin, Charles. *The Descent of Man and Selection in Relation to Sex*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. London and New York: Penguin Books Limited, 2004.

Darwin, Charles. *The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection*, ed. by John Burrow. Harmondsworth

and New York: Penguin Books Limited, 1984.

Freud, Sigmund. *Civilization and Its Discontents*. London: Penguin Books, 2002.

Freud, Sigmund. *Five Lectures on Psychoanalysis*, ed. and trans. by James Strachey. W.W. Norton and Company, 1961.

Hobbes, Thomas. *Leviathan*. Indianapolis and Cambridge: Hackett Publishing Company, 1994.

Luther, Martin. *Luther's Works*, edd. Jaroslav Pelikan (vols. 1-30) and Helmut Lehmann (vols. 31-55). Philadelphia: Concordia Publishing House and Fortress Press, 1955-.

Machiavelli, Niccolò. *The Prince*, trans. by Harvey Mansfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1998.

Marx, Karl. "Estranged Labour" and "The Meaning of Human Requirements" in *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844*, in *The Marx-Engels Reader*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, ed. By Robert Tucker. New York and London: Norton and Company, 1978.

Marx, Karl. *The Communist Manifesto* in *The Marx-Engels Reader*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, ed. by Robert Tucker New York and London: Norton and Company, 1978.

Plato, *Apology* and *Phaedo* in *Plato: Complete Works*, edd. John M. Cooper and D. S. Hutchinson. Indianapolis and Cambridge: Hackett Publishing Company, 1997.

Rousseau, Jean-Jacques. *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality* in *The Basic Political Writings*, trans. Donald Cress. Indianapolis and Cambridge: Hackett Publishing Company, 1987.

Stevenson, Leslie and David Haberman. *Ten Theories of Human Nature*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998.

Stevenson, Leslie, ed. *The Study of Human Nature: A Reader*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2000.