

Human Situation 1: Modernity
Spring 2010
Team OMEGA
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Lecture: MW 12-1pm, 170 Melcher Hall

Note: The professors will distribute syllabi in each discussion section with more specific policy guidelines for those classes. The policies listed here are either general or concern the lecture class in particular.

Required Booklist (these editions and translations only!):

1. Machiavelli, *The Prince* (Waveland)
2. Shakespeare, *Merchant of Venice* (Yale U. Press)
3. Leibniz, *Discourse on Metaphysics and The Monadology* (Dover Publications)
4. Rousseau, *Reveries of a Solitary Walker* (Hackett)
5. Dickinson, *Final Harvest: Poems* (Back Bay Books)
6. Mill, *On Liberty* (Hackett)
7. Beckett, *Krapp's Last Tape and Other Dramatic Pieces* (Grove Press)
8. DeLillo, *White Noise* (Penguin)
9. Fairy Tales (handout to be distributed in class)

I. Course Requirements

For this Human Situation course, you will receive two final grades: one for the lecture portion of the class (1 credit), and one for the discussion section (3 credits). Your discussion section professor will handle the final grades for both portions. Your section grade will be determined by the assigned papers (three formal papers each 3-4 pages in length), your participation, and whatever other elements your professor includes in the discussion section requirements (e.g., quizzes or a classroom presentation). Your grade for the lecture portion of the class will be determined by a midterm written examination (March 10, 50%), and a final oral examination (to be scheduled sometime from May 6-14, 50%).

II. Policies and Notices

Paper Submission:

All papers—whether for section or lecture—must be submitted to your discussion class list at Turnitin.com. Professors will also require a separate paper submission to them in class on the due date. Your professor will provide you with 1) a Turnitin class identification number and 2) a password in order to register with your discussion class on the web site. Please set this up immediately, using only one email address for the whole semester.

Academic Honesty:

Any student caught plagiarizing on papers or cheating on examinations will be failed. For more information on academic honesty policies and procedures, see the Student Handbook. (Available at <http://www.uh.edu/dos/hdbk/acad/achonpol.html>.)

Absences from Lecture:

Attendance at lecture is required. Contact your professor about any absences, and make certain to get class notes from fellow students for days you missed. (For discussion group absence policies, see your professor's syllabus.)

Recording Lectures:

Audio or video recording of a lecture can only be done *with the permission of the lecturer*. Make sure to ask him/her before you begin recording.

Electronics in Lecture:

Students may not use any electronic devices during lecture (save for recording devices with approval of lecturer, see above). This includes cellular telephones, cameras, pagers, game devices, mp3 players, and laptop computers. Students who believe they may have a legitimate reason to use an electronic device should contact Dr. Armstrong to submit a request.

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