SYLLABUS

Books
A) Required books; use these editions. (Ordered at the University Bookstore)
   Epictetus, *Enchiridion* (Hackett)
   Epicurus, *The Epicurus Reader* (Penguin)
   Plato, *Five Dialogues* (Hackett)
   Augustine, *Confessions* (Hackett)
   Descartes, *Meditations* (Hackett)
   Lavine, *From Socrates to Sartre* (Bantam)
B) Additional readings will be posted on Blackboard or be on Reserve at Walsh Library

Course Plan

Preliminaries; Introduction to philosophy

Ancient Philosophers Look at the World and Human Experience
   Stoicism
      Epictetus, *Enchiridion*
      cont’d.
   Epicureanism
      Epicurus, “Letter to Menoeceus”
      Epicurus, “Letter to Herodotus”
      The debate between Stoics and Epicureans on how it is best for us to live
   Plato
      *Meno*
      cont’d.
      cont’d.
      *Apology*
      cont’d.
      *Crito*
      *Republic*, selections
   Aristotle
      Selections from *Physics* and *Metaphysics* and *N. Ethics*
      cont’d.
      cont’d.

Medieval Philosophy: A View of the World and Human Beings
   Augustine
      *Confessions*
      cont’d.
      cont’d.
      *Confessions*, cont’d.
Modern Philosophy's New View of the World and Re-definitions of Human Nature

Descartes

Meditations

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Some 19th and 20th Century Theories of the world and Human Beings: Philosophy, Psychology, Science

Marxism

cont’d.

Darwin – Evolutionary biology

Existentialism

cont’d.

Psychoanalysis

cont’d.

Looking back on these philosophies: similar themes; contradictions; and complexities

Review

Course requirements and grading

1. Regular class attendance; no more than two unexcused absences
2. Do the reading assignment in preparation for class lecture and discussion

   2 papers (5-6 pages)   20 pts/each   40 pts.
   2 quizzes             10 pts/each   20 pts
   Mid-term
   Final test
   Class participation,
preparation & misc.

Other information

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