

Human Being and Citizen-2
Hum 12400, Section 19
University of Chicago, Winter 2013
Tue/ Th 1:30-2:50
Classroom: C 409

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Texts

Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics (Ostwald)
Augustine, Confessions (Chadwick)
Dante, Inferno (Durling-Martinez)

All texts are available in the Seminary Coop.

Requirements

Three papers, four to five pages in length, to be submitted by email to both instructors by 5pm, on February 1, February 22, and March 15. Participation in the writing seminar is mandatory. Attendance is required in both class and in the writing seminars. Your grade will be based on your paper average (60%), participation in Writing Seminar (10%) and your contribution to class (evidence of reading, engagement, attendance and class discussion) (30%).

Class Syllabus (preliminary)

Jan 8	Syllabus. Introduction to Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics (NE)
Jan 10	NE I (the good; subject of inquiry)
Jan 15	NE II (virtue)
Jan 17	NE III.1-5 (decision), NE V (justice)
Jan 22	NE VI (practical wisdom)
Jan 24	NE VIII-IX (friendship)
Jan 29	NE X (pleasure, happiness reconsidered)
Jan 31	Augustine, Letter to Simplician (doctrine of grace)
Feb 5	Augustine, Confessions 1-3 (life narrative, part 1)
Feb 7	Confessions 4-7 (life narrative, part 2)
Feb 12	Confessions, 8-9 (life narrative, part 3)

Feb 14	Confessions 10 (memory)	
Feb 19	Confessions 11 (time)	
Feb 21	Dante, Inferno 1-4	1 (opening), 2 (poetic premises)
Feb 26	Inferno 5-9	5 (contrapasso; love+reading)
Feb 28	Inferno 10-17	10 (farin.&caval.), 11 (structure of hell)
Mar 5	Inferno 18-27	26 (two flames)
Mar 7	Inferno 28-34	28 (contrapasso), 34 (bottom/top and exit)
Mar 12	Concluding discussion	