

PHILOSOPHY 366 AESTHETICS Summer 2008  
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The aim of this course is to make the student familiar with, and conversant about, basic and various issues in the history of aesthetic inquiry. Hence the study of the work of pivotal figures in that history in considerable detail.

The required readings come from the following books:

*Phaedrus* [Focus Press Edition], Plato;  
*Philosophies of Art and Beauty*, Hofstadter and Kuhns, eds.;  
*The Brothers Booth*, Bradley

The following readings are presented with the examination schedule:

Examination I  
Plato: *Phaedrus*.

Examination II  
Aristotle: "Theory of Music";  
Plotinus: "Ennead I, Sixth Tractate".

Examination III: Hume (No assigned reading);  
Kant: *Critique of Judgment*.

Examination IV  
Schopenhauer: *The World as Will and Representation*;

Examination V  
Hegel: *The Philosophy of Fine Art*.

Examination VI  
Bradley: *The Brothers Booth*

Examination VII  
Nietzsche: *The Birth of Tragedy*.

Examination VIII  
Heidegger: *The Origin of the Work of Art*;

There are no predetermined test dates. (There may be limitations in required readings or test offerings at any point in the semester.)

The grade for the course will be the average drawn from all of the test scores and determined according to this scale:

A=88-100 B=77-87 C=66-76 D=55-65 F=0-54.

There will be no curving of grades. The lowest grade will be dropped; *however*, it will be replaced by the second-lowest grade. Any missed exam must be made up. Make-up exams will be given on a designated day or days near very end of the semester, and can take a form considerably different from the exam offered *per* the usual schedule.

As this is a (W) writing enhanced course, egregious grammar will be considered incorrect.

There will be no outside work for extra credit.

Given unforeseen course dynamics, there could be a change in the material posted on the first page of this syllabus, either by way of addition or subtraction; although such change would be minimal in light of the whole

The student is entirely responsible for decisions regarding drop days.

SHSU believes all students should attend class consistently. Poor attendance will give the professor just cause to reduce the grade for the course by entire letters: Four or more unexcused absences, a decrease by one full letter; six or more, two full letters.

Those with claims of learning disability, and so forth, may first inquire as to procedure at the Counseling Center.

#### *STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS POLICY*

Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence.

University policy 861001 provides the procedures to be followed by the student and instructor. A student desiring to absent himself/herself from a scheduled class in order to observe (a) religious holy day(s) shall present to each instructor involved a written statement concerning the religious holy day(s). This request must be made in the first fifteen days of the semester or the first seven days of a summer session in which the absence(s) will occur. The instructor will complete a form notifying the student of a reasonable timeframe in which the missed assignments and/or examinations are to be completed.

#### *DISABLED STUDENT POLICY*

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that no otherwise qualified disabled individual shall, solely by reason of his/her handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic or Student Life program or activity. Disabled students may request help with academically related problems stemming from individual disabilities from their instructors, school/department chair, or by contacting the Chair of the Committee for Continuing Assistance for Disabled Students and Director of the Counseling Center, Lee Drain Annex, or by calling (936) 294-1720.

## Q-DROPS

A Q-drop is a drop made after the last date for tuition refunds (12<sup>th</sup> class day for fall/spring; 4<sup>th</sup> class day for summer) but before the date for which a drop would result in the grade of 'F' as published in the Academic Calendar.

Students will be allowed no more than five Q-drops during their academic career at Sam Houston State University. Classes that are dropped prior to the Q-drop date will not count toward the limit. Students who have used their limit of five Q-drops will need to petition their respective dean to drop a class. If the dean refuses to grant permission to drop a class, a student will be required to remain in the class.

This limit will take effect with the start of the fall 2004 semester. Any drops accumulated prior to the fall 2004 semester will not be included in the five Q-drop limit, nor will Q-drops from other universities.