

MAYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Fall 2007

Human Values and Meaning

HUM 220-20 Human Values and Meaning

Course Description:

This course presents major dimensions of human experience as reflected in art, music, literature, philosophy and history. Topics include the search for identity, the quest for knowledge, the need for love, the individual and society, and the meaning of life. Upon completion, students should be able to recognize interdisciplinary connections and distinguish between open and closed questions and between narrative and scientific models of understanding. This course has been approved to satisfy the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement general education core requirement in humanities/fine arts.

Prerequisite Eng. 111

Corequisites: none

Semester Contact Hours:3 Semester Credit Hours:3

Instructor Information:

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Course Time and Location:

Days: Thursday

Time: 6:00-8:50

Location: Administrative Building Room 213

Required Text:

A Passion for Wisdom, Kathleen M. Higgins and Robert Solomon, Oxford Press, 1997

Course Objectives: Through written essays you will;

- A. Communicate human experiences,
- B. Understand philosophies as they have evolved through history,
- C. A comprehension of where society is going,
- D. To see the world through the arts, for it is Through the Arts, We Know Humanity.

Course Content:

- A. Intro. Zoroastrianism/ Hinduism
- B. Permaculture
- C. Buddhism/ yoga
- D. Hebrew People
- E. Confucius / yin/yang Tai Chi
- F. Greeks/ Early Philosophy to Socrates

- . Eros(Love) and Psyche (Soul)
- G. Africa/ Americas Tribal peoples
- H. Faith and Reason
- I.. Islam
- J. Renaissance/ Reformation
- K. New Science /Enlightenment
- L. Revolution
- M. Romanticism
- N. Racism and Prejudice
- O. Questions of Postmodernism
- P. Humanities banquet/ Potlatch/ Final

Evaluation:

- A.. Attendance is 50% of your grade. Most of the class work is not from your text and therefore it is imperative that you make every effort to attend class.
- B. Class Participation is 15% of your grade. You are expected to participate in class discussions.
- C. Essays are 25% of your grade. Preferably typed
- D. Final 10%

Academic Standards and Student Expectations:

- A.. You are expected to read the text. There may be surprise quizzes on the material.
- B. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.
- C. Assignments turned in on time.
- D. Students who stop attending class and do not officially withdraw will not receive credit.

Dates:

A. Withdrawal dates:

Unconditional: Friday, Sept.22, 2007 Conditional Withdrawal: Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007

Fall Break: October 8-9,2007

Professional Day: (no classes) Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Veterans Day (no classes) Nov.12

Thanksgiving Holiday (College closed) Thursday, Friday, Nov. 21-22, 2007

Last Day of classes: Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007