

Philosophy 115
Philosophy of the Human Person
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Opening Prayer

O Ineffable Creator, true Fountain of light and wisdom, shed the brightness of Thy light upon the darkness of my understanding. Grant me acuteness in understanding what I read, power to remember it, readiness in learning it, subtlety in interpreting it, and clearness in expressing it. Order the beginnings of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to fulfillment, through Christ our Lord. Amen.—St. Thomas Aquinas

Grading

The course objectives will be achieved by a combination of readings, lectures, class discussions, and examinations. The final grade will be assigned on the basis of

Class Attendance & Participation	100 points
<u>Three Examinations @100 points each</u>	<u>300 points</u>
TOTAL	400 points

- Students are expected to attend every class meeting. Absences will count against the attendance grade. Students must bring university-authorized absences and other legitimate excuses to the attention of the instructor.
- The logic examination will require students to define and give examples of fundamental logical terms and concepts and to apply their knowledge of logic to examples of argumentative reasoning.
- The other two examinations will be short-answer and essay examinations. Students will be expected to state the principal points made by the authors studied, define key terms, and present the arguments offered by these authors in support of their conclusions.

- Homework assignments may be added at the discretion of the instructor. If used, they will be summaries of and brief reflections on assigned readings.
- The ordinary penalty for plagiarism or other forms of cheating will be a course grade of “F”.
- Course grades will be assigned on the basis of the percent of possible points earned in accordance with the following schedule:

A	90 – 100%
B	80 – 90%
C	70 – 80%
D	60 – 70%
F	< 60%

(“Plus” and “minus” may be attached to grades at the discretion of the instructor.)

Required Readings

The following books are required:

Anthony Weston, *Rulebook for Arguments*

John Searle, *Minds, Brains, & Science*

Plato, *Five Dialogues*

In addition, there will be a packet of readings that will have to be purchased at the bookstore. This material will be ready in late September.