

GORDON STATE COLLEGE
A Unit of the University System of Georgia
Humanities 1500 A1 — Spring 2020
Humanities via Desire2Learn



PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS AN ONLINE COURSE. JUDGING FROM PAST EXPERIENCE, STUDENTS WHO ATTEND THE ORIENTATION OR MEET WITH THE PROFESSOR ONE-ON-ONE ON CAMPUS TEND TO DO MUCH BETTER IN THIS ONLINE COURSE.

I. INSTRUCTOR:

Dr. Caesar Perkowski

II. INSTRUCTOR EMAIL:

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III. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course celebrates the cultural and artistic values of both Western and Eastern traditions. A thematic structure is used to develop students' understanding of arts and ideas across the globe.

IV. PREREQUISITES:

None.

V. CAMPUS MEETINGS:

There will be no mandatory meetings on campus.

One assessment will be proctored online (TBA).

An optional **orientation** for this course will be on campus on Wednesday, **January 15**, at 3:30pm in Smith Hall 207. I would strongly encourage you to attend, since many important questions regarding class policies, technology and methodology will be answered.

VI. TEXTBOOKS:

None.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL COURSE OUTCOMES:

Students will demonstrate understanding of the ways through which human culture is expressed in literature, philosophy, fine and performing arts, or communication.

VIII. EVALUATION:

The above objectives will be demonstrated by essays, tests, posts or typed responses. In addition to being evaluated by the instructor, students will have the opportunity at the end of the semester to evaluate the course and the instructor.

IX. GRADING:

Online posts 50%

Section exams 30%

Final exam (project) 20%

Grades will be posted in Desire2Learn.

The following grading scale is applied:

A 90-100

B 80-89

C 70-79

D 60-69

F 0-59

X. MAIN ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION POLICY:

All major assignments must be turned in through the D2L Brightspace assignments dropbox. Recognized worldwide as the standard in Plagiarism Prevention, turnitin.com instantly identifies papers containing unoriginal material and acts as a powerful deterrent to stop student plagiarism before it starts. [\[privacy information\]](#)

XI. POSTS SUBMISSION POLICIES:

This is the most important part of the syllabus, so please examine it carefully (CLICK HERE).

XII. OFFICE INFORMATION:

Location: Smith Hall, 112B

Phone: 678.359.5233



Monday 1200-1230 (office)

Tuesday 0830-1100 (online)

Wednesday 1200-1230 (office)

Thursday 0830-1100 (online)

Friday 0830-1100 (online)

and by appointment

XIII. EMAILING:

Use **ONLY** your gordonstate.edu email when emailing me. **Do not use the Desire2Learn email program to contact me. Please develop the habit of reading all the posts in the "Ask a Question" forum in Desire2Learn, since many very important issues will be discussed there.** In addition, check your gordonstate.edu email often and regularly. I will use the gordonstate.edu email and the "Ask a Question" forum in Desire2Learn frequently to advise you of important information like syllabus and assignment changes, graded assignments, helpful examples and resources you can use toward the completion of your assignments. **I will respond to your emails within 24 hours Monday through Friday and within 48 hours on the weekends.**

Please read my emails carefully because many important updates will be communicated this way. I will also be using Remind.com for class notifications (the detailed information will be provided in a welcome email).

XIV. MAKE-UP WORK POLICY:

No late work will be accepted.

XV. PLAGIARISM:

The penalty for plagiarism in any aspect of written work is a failing grade for the course (GSC Academic Catalog pp. 218-219). An important note on plagiarism (click here).

Submitting work submitted previously for any assignment anywhere constitutes plagiarism as well.

XVI. GSC REQUIRED SYLLABUS STATEMENTS:

<http://www.gordonstate.edu/cetl/doc/required-syllabus-statements.pdf>

XVII. PRIVACY STATEMENT:

Faculty are not liable for the content of students' web pages; however faculty are responsible for review of student content periodically. Upon faculty request, students must immediately remove content deemed "offensive" according to Computer and Network Usage Policy, Individual Responsibility Section 4.1.3. Students who refuse to comply after being notified of the policy violation will be reported to the Vice President of Student Affairs Office and could be subject to College Judiciary action. The complete Gordon College Computer and Network Usage policy can be accessed at <http://www.gordonstate.edu/departments/computerservices/computerusage.asp>.

XVIII. DAILY SCHEDULE:

Humanities 1500 Desire2Learn Section A (525)		
Date	Reading	DUE
01/23	READING 01: Fundamentals of Art	POST by 10pm EST ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION
01/30	READING 02: Fundamentals of Music	POST by 10pm EST
02/06	READING 03: Fundamentals of the Art of Theater	POST by 10pm EST
02/13	READING 04: Harlem Renaissance	POST by 10pm EST
02/20	READING 05: African-American Composers	POST by 10pm EST
02/27	READING 06: African-American Female Artists	POST by 10pm EST
03/05	READING 07: African-American Male Artists	POST by 10pm EST
03/12	READING 08: Religion and Art	POST by 10pm EST
03/26	READING 09: The Art of China	POST by 10pm EST
04/02	READING 10: Mesoamerican Cultures	POST by 10pm EST
04/09	READING 11: The Art of Motion Picture	POST by 10pm EST
04/16	READING 12: The Art of Literature	POST by 10pm EST
05/05	<u>FINAL EXAM</u>	
I reserve the right to change assignments.		
LEGEND		
NAWL	<i>The Norton Anthology of World Literature</i> , short 3rd ed.	
LP	<i>The Little Prince</i> by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry	

XIX. MINIMUM TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Access to Desire2Learn via a computer or a tablet.
- Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome (preferred browsers).
- Frequent access to the GSC email account.
- Word processing program (preferably Microsoft Word).
- Adobe Acrobat Reader.
- Various free programs (available through a tutorial in Desire2Learn and [Computer Services page](#)).

XX. STUDENT SUPPORT:

Many student support services are available from the following pages:

- [Student Life / Services page](#)
- [Hightower Library](#)
- [Computer Services](#)