

Spring 2024 HUMANITIES

BRAZOSPORT COLLEGE

Division of Social Sciences and Education

Humanities 1301: INTRODUCTION TO HUMANITIES

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Hi! I am so happy to have you for one of my favorite courses, Humanities. This course looks at human creativity, expression of the fine arts, and moments of genius that affect us even today. It is not history. It is not about society, war, politics, or who killed whom. It is about the beauty that people create, the inventions, and the advancements that come out of the human spirit.

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Here are a few things to know to get started:

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1. Our Required Book is Philip Bishop, *Adventures in the Human Spirit* (ANY edition) ISBN-13:978-0-205-88147-5 (for the 7th edition).

I noticed it free to check out online, but I cannot tell you about archive.org. You can buy it for 25.00 or under, too. You need to surf the web.

2. To contact me use D2L or your BC Email. My E-Mail: Alisa.Petrovich@brazosport.edu

These are secure and only YOU can access them.

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3. It is really important TO READ EVERYTHING IN THIS SYLLABUS AND UNDER CONTENT! Since this is college, you are responsible for all of it. I know it's boring.

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Plagiarism Quiz

Further Research 1 and 2. Average

Research Paper *or* Great Debate(!)

Game Show Review for the Final

Extra Credit (Optional)

Midterm

Test

Final

Attendance *and* Participation (email me why you have to be absent. If I excuse you, an absence does not hurt your grade!)

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8. For students new to college: When the due date and time of the Final Exam comes, the course is over. That means there is no extra work, no make ups, and no further submissions allowed. Please do not ask me to give you extra time or extra work.

However, if you do have a major crisis or life event, contact me. I can give you an Incomplete

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___ One quiz taken online over a short video. Last Day January 27

___ Further Research 1 due by February 24

___ Paper **OR** Great Debate (!) Due by February 28.

___ Midterm taken online. Opens March 7. Due by March 9 by 11:59 PM

___ Extra Credit. Due by March 19. This is a high value project well worth your time.

___ Further Research 2. Due by April 13

___ Test Opens April 18. Due April 20

___ Final May 2. Due by May 4 by 11:59 PM

An Important Note about Plagiarism:

My Policy:

The student will submit their own work or clearly acknowledge the source(s).

I have 0 tolerance of plagiarism. I tend to be a lot stricter than other educators. Here are some things you need to know:

In college and university courses, you **MUST** use a plagiarism checker.

Avoiding plagiarism is easiest done if you do not wait for the last day or two to submit. In a rush, you might unwittingly copy verbatim!

There are **MANY** ways to rewrite it. The key is to understand what it says. If you ever have a problem doing that, just cite!

When there really are few ways to rewrite ('He died in 1012 A.D.', as an example), I ignore it. I go over every single incident Turnitin.com flags. I ignore such flags. Also, if you copy a recipe or rewrite a question, I ignore it as plagiarism.

The best way to avoid plagiarism is to cite. This is especially true when using internet sources. Sometimes they get copied or closely paraphrased. Putting the citation at the end of the paragraph is commonly used by students and professors alike.

The use of AI, Chatbot, or other artificial intelligence writing services is accepted. However, YOU are responsible for all submissions. Misspellings, incorrect citations, incorrect information, improper responses, accuracy, style, etc. are YOUR responsibility. If you use AI you must cite it properly. You must cite in Chicago Manuel of Style format any use of AI.

To cite AI in CMS:

- **The name of the AI**
- **An accurate description of the prompt you used**
- **The date of the conversation, written in month-day-year format (the month must be spelled out)**
- **The company or organization that created the AI**
- **The URL of the chatbot**
- **For example:**

ChatGpt, "Generate an outline for an answer to three important facts about Reims." March 2,2024, OpenAI, [ChatGPT \(openai.com\)](https://openai.com) .

If you need help with AI, the BC Library has an excellent guide. Also, the BC Writing Center can help.

In the course, AI use for Midterm, Test, or Final is prohibited. You may use only your book, the videos, or anything under Content, including our discussion

boards. Any violation of this policy is considered the same as plagiarism and will be dealt with the same way.

Plagiarism will not be tolerated on tests, paper, further research, or any other assignment.

When you need help, contact ME. Do NOT contact a friend or someone who already took this course. You need to do your own work. I can help you via ZOOM, email, in my office, or even on the phone.

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A. TESTS: There are three tests: Midterm, Test , and Final. The midterm covers all of the assignments up to the midterm date. The final covers all of the information since the beginning of class.

1. YOU MAY USE YOUR BOOK, NOTES, Chapter Videos (find them under CONTENT), OR ANYTHING UNDER CONTENT. If you use an OUTSIDE SOURCE, I WILL FLUNK YOUR WORK.

B. Extra Credit (optional):

Extra Credit is a high value (up to +10 points!) extra credit assignment and well worth your time. It is the ONLY instance in this class where I WANT you to use AI. You are going to do a graduate school exercise and critique (or rip apart) an AI generated answer to a specific question. Yes, it is due over Spring Break, but you can submit it ANY TIME EARLIER!! See Content for complete directions!

C. Further Research:

You have two Further Research projects. This is where you will learn to research topics, select the best sites/books/articles, and how to answer what YOU conclude, not what you think I wish to hear.

If backed up with facts, I welcome all opinions, even those that I do not share. There is no such a thing as a student being unable to have their own ideas if those ideas are fact-bound and not just preference. I encourage you to think for yourself, express your opinions politely, and challenge me if you feel my view is too ethnographic or anthropological.

So you need to take care when you do Further Research. This is not homework, where you dash out a line or two. I am grading you mostly on the sources you choose and your responses to the questions.

Which sources are good sources? If it has .edu or .gov in the web address, it is probably good. .Org is fine, too, if it is a museum or historical place. Books published by a university press and scholarly journals are usually good choices, as well. Just because it says it is educational does not mean it is. For example, some of the worst responses have come from PBS and the History Channel. These are for entertainment, not scholarship.

You need to write in formal academic style, which simply means do not use slang, contractions, or idioms.

Be SURE to give the source(s) you used with each question. This is a big part of the grade. You list them after the end of *each response*.

I do not require a bibliography.

Do NOT:

Single space (double space even the Further Research!)

Use anything but black ink

Use contractions (don't, isn't, wouldn't, it's)

Use Slang (for example, kids are baby goats or slang for children, a fan is slang for a fanatic)

Use Offensive language

Say unkind things about another person, living or dead

Never plagiarize! When in doubt, use a citation. These would look like this: (Nash, *American People*, Concise Ed., Vol. 2, 6th Ed., p. 221).

Contact me if you need further help.

Please limit the number of quotes you use. No more than 10% of your test or Further Research should be quotes.

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II. Reading Requirements:

For the Midterm

Philip Bishop, *Adventures in the Human Spirit* (7th Edition).

Chapters 1-7

For Test

Philip Bishop, *Adventures in the Human Spirit* (7th Edition).

Chapter 8. However, the test may cover the semester thus far.

For the Final

Bishop, *Adventures in the Human Spirit* (7th Edition)

Chapters 9-15. However, the test may cover the entire semester

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III. Grade Distribution

Midterm= 1/6th

Test - 1/6th

Final= 1/6th

Paper *OR* Great Debate(!)= 1/6th

Average of both Further Research grades= 1/6th

Class Participation and Attendance (including game show review)=1/6th

IV. Grading Scale:

90-100= A You have mastered the subject and have excellent college-level writing

80-89= B You have a good grasp on the material and good college-level writing

70-79= C You have an average grasp on the material and average college-level writing skills

60-69= D You have a poor grasp on the material and below-average college-level writing skills

Below 60= F You do not grasp the material and you do not have college-level writing skills

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V. Other Important phone numbers:

Division Chair Wayne Pryor: 979-230-3222

Student Success Center: 9879-230-3527

Counseling and Advising: 979-230-3040

Financial Aid: 979-230-3294

Student Life: 979-230-3355

IT Department for computer, email, etc. 979-230-3266

VI. A Special Note:

We live in stressful times. If life gets the best of you, *please contact me*. I do not need to know the small details. Just let me know briefly what is going on. **I understand having to care for family, pregnancy, illness, death, or other issues that can affect you and your performance. I will work with you, give you extensions, or anything else I deem required in your special circumstance.**

Information:

Did you know BC has a lot of special services available for current students? Here is a short list with contact numbers:

Gator Mart: A mini grocery store where the food is free for current students. (979) 230-3638.

Writing Center- unlike other colleges, BC has a FREE Writing Center. You can walk in or schedule a virtual or online session. They help with everything from understanding an assignment to putting on the finishing touches. (979) 230-3460

Student Wellness and Basic Needs: Has a crisis happened in your life? BC cares! Contact BC Wellness. Call 230-3643 (Dr. Unger) or visit their website: <https://www.brazosport.edu/students/for-students/student-life/student-wellness-basic-needs/>

3. It expresses the positive side of human creativity

4 It does **no harm** (bombs, war, politics, caste system, etc. do harm. They are NOT part of humanities)

So there you have it. We study genius, creativity, beauty, and the process of its creation.

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Student Learning Outcomes:

A. The student will demonstrate awareness of the scope and variety of works in the arts and humanities

B. The student will understand those works as expressions of individual and human values within a historical and social context.

C. The student will respond critically to works in the arts and humanities and offer an informed personal reaction to these works.

D. The student should develop an appreciation for the aesthetic principals that guide or govern the humanities and arts.

E. The student will demonstrate knowledge of the influence of literature, philosophy, and/or the arts or inter cultural experiences.

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III. COURSE PREREQUISITES: College-level reading and writing.

I assume you have had to take Learning Frameworks before signing up for this course.

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IV. Textbook Information:

To purchase the books, contact the Brazosport College Bookstore with a credit card. Phone 979-230-3651. Fax: 979-230-3653.

Email: bookstore@brazosport.edu

Website: <http://www.brazosport.edu/bookstore>

Required course materials are available at the Brazosport College bookstore, on campus or online at <http://www.brazosport.edu/bookstore>. A student of this institution is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college bookstore. The same textbook is/may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

You are welcome to use electronic and loose-leaf versions if you wish.

If you send away for it, be sure to EXPEDITE shipping.

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V.A. Students with Disabilities:

Brazosport College is committed to providing equal education opportunities to every student. BC offers services for individuals with special needs and capabilities including counseling, tutoring, equipment, and software to assist students with special needs. For student to receive any accommodation, documentation must be completed in the Office of Disability Services.

Please contact Phil Robertson, Special Populations Counselor at 979-230-3236 for further information

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V.B. Title IX Statement

Brazosport College faculty and staff are committed to supporting students and upholding the College District's non-discrimination policy. Under Title IX and Brazosport College's policy FFDA (Local), discrimination based on sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression is prohibited. If students experience an incident of discrimination, sexual harassment, or sexual misconduct, they are encouraged to report it.

If a faculty or staff member "is informed of a student's pregnancy or related condition" by the student or "a person who has a legal right to act on behalf of the student," the employee must "promptly" tell the student or representative how to notify the Title IX Coordinator of the student's pregnancy or related conditions and must provide the Title IX Coordinator's contact information to the student or representative, unless the employee "reasonably believes" the Title IX Coordinator already knows.

While students may talk to a faculty or staff member at BC, please understand that they are "Responsible Employees" and must report what is told to them to college officials. Students can also contact the Title IX Coordinators directly by using the contact information below. Additional information is found on the Sexual Misconduct webpage at www.brazosport.edu/sexualmisconduct.

Alex Crouse, Director of Student Life and Deputy Title IX Coordinator

979-230-3355; alex.crouse@brazosport.edu

Brad McGonagle, Vice President, HR and Title IX Coordinator

979-230-3459; brad.mcgonagle@brazosport.edu

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V.C: Timely Care for YOU

To help you on your educational pathway, Brazosport College provides all students with access to TimelyCare. If you're stressed, challenged, or need help, download the TimelyCare app today! It's your free virtual health and well-being service platform, available 24/7, 365 days of the year. Search "TimelyCare" in your app store. Then, register with your student email to access your health care services.

VI. ACADEMIC HONESTY:

Brazosport College assumes that students eligible to perform on the college level are familiar with the ordinary rules governing proper conduct including academic honesty. The principle of academic honesty is that all work presented by you is yours alone. Academic dishonesty including, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion shall be treated appropriately. Please refer to the Brazosport College Student Guide for more information. This is available online at <http://www.brazosport.edu>. CLICK on the CATALOGS AND SCHEDULES link under STUDENTS.

Academic dishonesty violates both the policies of this course and the Student Code of Conduct. In this class, any occurrence of academic dishonesty will be referred to the Dean of Student Services for prompt adjudication and will, at a minimum, result in a 0 for the plagiarized work in this course. Sanctions may be imposed beyond your grade in this course by the Dean of Student Services.

MY POLICIES:

I cannot accept any plagiarism over 0%. At 1% plagiarism I must report you to the Dean of Students and give your work/test a 0. Any written work in this course, including extra credit and discussions, is subject to the plagiarism policy.

Recycled Papers: You cannot recycle written work for this course from other courses UNLESS you get my prior written approval. This means you cannot use more than 1% of another paper you wrote or are writing to fulfill any requirement in this course. If you recycle your own paper in this course, I will not accept it and you will receive a 0 for the paper.

The use of AI, Chatbot, or other artificial intelligence writing services is prohibited. Turnitin.com has a 98% success rate in finding AI writing. Because they have a 5% margin of error, I allow 10% possible AI writing. If your number is over 10%, I will give you a 0 and turn ALL of your writing samples to the Dean of Students to decide if you did violate my AI use policy.

Why? AI can be a great tool for other courses, but this course is based on YOU learning to research and write. Much of your grade depends on how you do in these two areas. Using AI means you did not learn anything about research or writing at an academic level. Also, AI makes things up and gives fake references, and I check every reference!

Plagiarism and AI Writing will not be tolerated on tests, paper, further research, extra credit, discussions, or any other assignment.

To be eligible to take the Midterm, you must watch the short video:

How to Avoid Plagiarism (copy and paste in your browser) at:

<https://mediasite.brazosport.edu/Mediasite/Play/f175def38eef44a9a00314a1ed1bb2171d>

as well as take the Quiz: Plagiarism. You must score a 100% on the quiz. You may take it as often as you need.

To find the quiz, go to the top bar and click on the Assessments tab. Then scroll down to Quizzes. There is just one quiz.

You are responsible for understanding all content.

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IF YOU NEED HELP WITH AN ASSIGNMENT, CONTACT ME. DO NOT CONTACT A CLASSMATE OR FORMER STUDENT. You need to do your OWN work. I am glad to help. We can set up a ZOOM, email, or phone session!

VII. Student Responsibilities:

Students are expected to participate fully in this course. The following criteria are intended to assist you to be successful in this course:

- A. Understand the syllabus requirements**
- B. Use appropriate time management skills**
- C. Communicate with your professor**
- D. Complete coursework on time, and**
- E. Utilize online components (such as D2L) as required.**
- F. Obtain a copy of the book by the second day of class.**
- G. Understand and never commit plagiarism or use AI for coursework**

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VIII. ATTENDANCE AND Withdrawal POLICY:

This is your class. If you wish to withdraw, please do so or contact me to do it for you. I do NOT withdraw students from this class due to a lack of attendance.

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IX. Course Format:

A. We have regular class lectures twice a week. All work, including tests, are taken and submitted online.

B. Desire 2 Learn:

This course uses Desire 2 Learn (D2L). I have a LOT of information on it. Please go to the CONTENT tab and get started! There are a lot of important files on D2L, so please read them all. You are responsible for the syllabus and everything on D2L.

C. Being Kind: We are all in this world together, and Humanities is all about tolerance and kindness. Please do not display prejudice or unkindness in anything you write or say. If you do, I will have to flunk your work.