

**Midland College**  
**Syllabus**  
**HUMA 1302**  
**Humanities II**  
**Semester and Year**  
**SCH (3-0)**  
**Instructor Name**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This stand-alone course is an interdisciplinary survey of cultures focusing on the philosophical and aesthetic factors in human values with an emphasis on the historical development of the individual and society and the need to create. This course will offer selected and varying topics in philosophy, literature, religion, and the arts and sciences from about 1500 to the present. TSI readiness in Reading and Writing.

**REQUIRED PARTICIPATION IN AN ONLINE CLASS**

Students must actively participate in an online class by completing an academic assignment required by the instructor by the official census date. Students who do not do so will be reported as never attended and dropped from the course.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Students successfully completing this course will be able to

1. Identify significant writers, artists, musicians, and other thinkers and cultural leaders, as well as important works and ideas in the arts and sciences from ancient times to roughly the year 1500.
2. Identify works of art, music, literature, science, and philosophy that are significant in human history.
3. Identify trends and movements that distinguish different historical periods.
4. Think critically about and write about the influence that the humanities have had on society.
5. Write a well-organized, fully documented paper analyzing a literary/artistic work or an intellectual/historical issue.
6. Use a word processor to create essays done according to a professional format such as MLA, APA, or Chicago style.
7. Discuss ways of living responsibly in a world where people have diverse ethical beliefs.
8. Demonstrate personal responsibility by citing all sources properly, writing without plagiarism, and doing independent work.

## Core Objectives

This course fulfills three hours of the Creative Arts requirement in the Midland College Core Curriculum. The Core Curriculum is a set of courses that provide students with a foundation of knowledge, skills, and educational experiences that are essential for all learning.

Creative Arts courses focus on the appreciation and analysis of creative artifacts and works of the human imagination. They involve the synthesis and interpretation of artistic expression and enable critical, creative, and innovative communication about works of art. As part of the core, this course addresses the following four Creative Arts core objectives:

- **Critical Thinking Skills:** to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information. Critical Thinking will be addressed through the evaluation, comparison, and analysis of historical periods, aesthetic principles, and artistic genres.
- **Communication Skills:** to include effective written, oral, and visual communication. Communications Skills will be addressed through the students' expression of informed opinions, researched ideas, and visual presentations.
- **Teamwork:** to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal. Teamwork will be addressed through the collaborative work between students.
- **Social Responsibility:** to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities. Social Responsibility will be addressed through the study of the artistic, historical, and cultural diversity of artists.

## REQUIRED TEXTS AND MATERIALS (Text may vary)

Bishop, Phillip E., ed. *Adventures in the Human Spirit*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice, 2007. (ISBN 0-13-224459-4). **Most students will have paid for this e-book version of the text when paying tuition. Students will access the book through the RedShelf link in Canvas.**

[Adobe Reader](#) (Links to an external site)

## ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Plagiarism is defined as the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one's own written work offered for credit. A student commits plagiarism if he/she:

**1. fails to acknowledge the sources of any information** in a paper which is not either common knowledge or personal knowledge. A student can acknowledge a source through in-text citations, attribution lines, footnotes, or other forms of documentation approved by the instructor. (Common knowledge is the basic information within a field or discipline, as well as most historical dates and facts, and many ordinary observations.)

**2. fails to acknowledge direct quotation either by using quotation marks or (for longer passages) indentation.** Without the quotation marks or indentation, passages copied directly from a source might be considered plagiarized even if it is followed by an in-text citation or a footnote. The citation or footnote acknowledges that there is a source, but it does not indicate that the writer has borrowed someone else's exact words. If a writer uses the language of a source, word-for word, he/she must use quotation marks or block indentation.

**3. merely paraphrases the original words of the source.** Some students think they can avoid a charge of plagiarism by changing a few words in each sentence they copy or by rearranging the shape of phrases or the order of sentences in a paragraph. This is not true. When taking notes students must be careful to put ideas in their own words or to use direct quotations when relying on phrases directly borrowed from a source.

**4. borrows the ideas, examples, or structure of the source without acknowledging it.** A student can be guilty of plagiarism if he/she systematically borrows the ideas and organization of a source even if the language of the piece is on a major news event by using exactly the same ideas in the same order as they appear in an article in any popular news magazine.

**5. takes, buys, or receives a paper written by someone else and presents it as the student's own.**

**6. uses one paper for two different courses,** or re-uses a paper previously submitted for credit, without the prior approval of the instructor or instructors.

**Plagiarism will result in a failing grade on that assignment. A second plagiarized paper may result in an F for the course.**

## **COURSE POLICIES**

**Policy may vary on such policies as attendance, submission of papers and deadlines, format or papers, use of Canvas, participation, email correspondence, portfolios, and course schedule.**

## **GRADING STANDARDS**

***The A Paper: Superior***--exceptional work that uses imagination and actually does more than the assignment calls for. It is clear, concise, and free of errors of logic. It is

well-organized and largely error-free. Handling of sources, MLA formatting, and research techniques are superb.

**The B Paper: Excellent**--exceptional work with a minimum of difficulties of thought, expression, organization, and formatting/research techniques.

**The C Paper: Good**--work which fulfills the assignment and has an acceptable number of technical difficulties.

**The D Paper: Unsatisfactory**--but with some redeeming features. D's will be given very rarely.

**The F Paper: Failing work**--superficial treatment of subject, with lack of focus, garbled prose, frequent grammatical and mechanical errors, weak organization, unacceptable formatting/research techniques.

**The R Paper: To be re-written**--Paper has many redeeming qualities but has serious deficiencies which would result in lower than expected grade. Paper must be re-written and is due within one week.

**The 0 Paper: Unacceptable work**--Assignment completely misses the boat or is a half-hearted attempt or is plagiarized. Paper must be re-written and is due within two class days.

## EVALUATION OF STUDENTS

(will vary)

## ATTENDANCE IN IVC CLASSES

Early College High School and Dual Credit students must show themselves on camera at least once AND turn in that day's classtime tasks to be counted presented.

## PROHIBITION OF AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING OF INSTRUCTOR AND CLASS ACTIVITIES

Students may not make audio or visual recordings of any face-to-face or electronic class activities, including, for example, discussions, conferences, and lectures. **The only exception is for students with a disability documented according to Midland College ADA Statement and Midland College-ordered accommodations specifically authorizing such recording.**

## DROP / WITHDRAWAL

The student is responsible for initiating a drop or withdrawal, not the instructor.

**Withdrawal from course:** The instructor is not able to withdraw a student from the course after the census date. A student wishing to withdraw must fill out the **withdrawal form in MyMCPortal.**

## **2021-2022 WITHDRAWAL DATES**

<b>Fall</b>	November 11
<b>Fall First 8-Week Session</b>	September 30
<b>Fall Second 8-Week Session</b>	November 29
<b>December Mini-Semester</b>	December 27
<b>Spring</b>	April 14
<b>Spring First 8-Week Session</b>	February 24
<b>Spring Second 8-Week Session</b>	April 28
<b>May Mini-Semester</b>	May 26
<b>Summer I</b>	June 30
<b>Summer II</b>	August 4

## **ACADEMIC RESEARCH**

For Research information, tutorials, library information, web links and more, access the **Distance Learning Webpage for the [Midland College Fasken Learning Resource Center](#)** (Links to an external site).

### **Academic Database Access**

1. Go to [Midland College Fasken Learning Resource Center](#) (Links to an external site).
2. Click on big green box labeled “A-Z Databases.”
3. Click on “EBSCO”
4. Then click on “EBSCO” database. **You will be taken to the Midland College Microsoft 365 site, and from there you will be taken directly to EBSCO.**
5. **Sign in to Microsoft 365.**

**Username:** Use your MC student email address as the username.

**Password:** Put in your password as follows.

### **If you have a 9-digit MC Student ID**

1st initial of your first name + 1st three initials of your last name + your complete Midland College student ID

### **Example:**

Student: John Smith

MC ID: 123004567  
Password = **jsmi123004567**

### **If you have a 5-digit MC Student ID**

1st initial of your first name + 1st three initials of your last name + 0000 + your complete Midland College student ID

#### **Example:**

Student: John Smith  
MC ID: 12345  
Password = **jsmi000012345**

After you log in you will have the option to change your Microsoft 365 password. Hint: You may want to simplify your life by changing your MC email and Canvas accounts to have the same password as Microsoft 365.

### **TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

If you experience technical difficulties with Canvas, click the **Help** link at the bottom of the [Canvas login page](#) (Links to an external site), or at the bottom of the green toolbar on the left while in Canvas. Select Report a Problem, provide details, and submit the ticket. Your request will automatically be sent to the Midland College information technology support center. Check your email for support updates.

### **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Statement:**

Midland College provides services for students with disabilities through Student Services. In order to receive accommodations, students must visit [www.midland.edu/accommodation](http://www.midland.edu/accommodation) and complete the Application for Accommodation Services located under the Apply for Accommodations tab. Services or accommodations are not automatic, each student must apply and be approved to receive them. All documentation submitted will be reviewed and a "Notice of Accommodations" letter will be sent to instructors outlining any reasonable accommodations.

**Phone, Midland College Special Needs Counselor: 432-685-5598**

[Midland College Disability Services](#) (Links to an external site)

[Microsoft Accessibility](#) (Links to an external site)

[Canvas Accessibility](#) (Links to an external site)

[Turnitin Accessibility](#) (Links to an external site)

[Adobe Reader Accessibility](#) (Links to an external site)

[Google Reader Accessibility](#) (Links to an external site)

## **ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES**

[Academics and Student Services](#) (Links to an external site)

Phone, Midland College Testing Center: 432-685-4735

Phone, LanguageHub, Midland College On-Campus Writing Center: 432-685-4811,  
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Language Hub Online [\(available to all students in Canvas\)](#)

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUE PROCESS

[Midland College Student Rights and Responsibilities](#) (Links to an external site)

## **PRIVACY POLICIES**

The below privacy policies apply to this course, as they are applicable to your conduct on this online platform.

[Midland College Website Privacy Policy](#) (Links to an external site)

[Canvas Privacy Policy](#) (Links to an external site)

[YouTube Privacy Policy](#) (Links to an external site)

[Canvas Student Guide](#) (Links to an external site)

[Turnitin Privacy Policy](#) (Links to an external site)

## **Instructor Information:**

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## **Non-Discrimination Statement**

Midland College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following individual has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

**Tana Baker**

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For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit the ED.gov Office of Civil Rights website, or call 1 (800) 421-3481.

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