



Beauty Will Save the World Professor Stephanie Mitchell J-Term 2022

Course Description:

This course is an exploration of the historical, aesthetic, moral, and spiritual aspects of beauty. Students will read extensively from a variety of disciplines to assess Dostoyevsky's assertion that beauty will save the world.

Specific Student Learning Objectives

Using sources:

Successful students will be able to

- Read and take notes at an intermediate level, faster and more efficiently on more difficulty texts, including primary sources than at the 1000 level

Writing:

Successful students will be able to

- Construct and organize an argument
- Demonstrate intermediate use of standard written English

Speaking:

Successful students will be able to

- Demonstrate advanced ability to discuss complex historical topics, including oral interpretation of documents

Content Mastery:

- Successful students will be able to develop for themselves working definitions of beauty and ugliness, and that they connect these concepts, which are normally reserved for aesthetic evaluations, to other categories that are less obviously related to aesthetics, such as truth, justice, and divinity.

Assessment

Exams 50%

Quizzes 50%

Attendance

A failing grade will be recorded after the fourth absence, regardless of the cause. You may make up work from missed classes if your absence is excused. Unless we have agreed otherwise beforehand, no other missed work may be handed in late. ***If you realize in advance of a deadline that you will need an extension, you must plan ahead and ask for one.***

Learning Differences

If you have a learning difference, please contact one of the professors during the first week of class to discuss support and accommodations. You also need to meet with and provide documentation to Diane Schowalter in the Advising Center, x5802 or email at dschowalter1@carthage.edu. Should you encounter personal difficulties that affect your emotional health, please contact the Health and Counseling Center at x5725.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarized or copied work will receive a grade of zero. Cheating during exams or tests will also merit a grade of zero. We will report serious offenses to the dean. You will be permanently expelled from Carthage after the second report.

Office Hours and Outside Help:

Office hours are plentiful and by appointment. Writing Center appointments can be made by email to writingcenter@carthage.edu or by phone at 552-5536. *These resources are not engineered especially for struggling students; they are for everyone to maximize your academic growth potential. Please take advantage of them.*

Course Texts:

For purchase:

Kundera, Milan, *Of Laughter and Forgetting*

All other course texts will be made available on Schoology.