**DPHY 1211 A - Main Doctrinal Currents in the Middle Ages**

**Room 221, Wednesday, 5:30-8:30 PM**

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**Meeting Outside of Class: By Appointment**

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**Required Texts**

*Medieval Philosophy: Essential Readings with Commentary*, Ed. Guyla Klima (Malden: Blackwell, 2007)

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| *You have at least two options for acquiring this book:* |
| Option 1 | Option 2 |
| [Order a paper copy](https://www.amazon.ca/Medieval-Philosophy-Essential-Readings-Commentary/dp/1405135654). It costs about $50 Canadian, and can be had from Amazon fairly quickly. If ordering online isn’t something you can do for some reason, and you would prefer that I order the book and you pay me for it, I’m happy to do that as well.  | Read the book for free on the Editor’s website, where he has kindly [posted it.](http://faculty.fordham.edu/klima/Blackwell-proofs/index.htm) |

**Course Websites**

[www.jhughunter.com](http://www.jhughunter.com) / [Dominicus](https://www.collegedominicain.info/dominicus/en/)

**Course Work and Grading**

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| **Assignment** | **Due** | **Value** |
| Short Essay 1 | By email, 11:59 PM, Oct 11 | 20% |
| Mid-Term Examination | In class, Oct 25, 5:30 | 20% |
| Short Essay 2 | By email, 11:59 PM, Nov 22 | 20% |
| Final Examination (Oral) | Dec 20, 5:30-8:30 | 30% |
| Participation | Ongoing | 10% |
| Optional Short Essay 3 | By email, 11:59 PM, Dec 6 | Replaces the Short Essay 1, 2 or Mid-Term, whichever is lowest grade. |

1. Late work will lose one letter grade increment per day. For example, a piece of work one day late that would ordinarily receive a B would receive a B-. Missing an exam will result in a zero.

2. I take plagiarism seriously, and so does the [Dominican University College](http://www.dominicanu.ca/sites/default/files/pdfs/Academic_Integrity_Policy-2014-04-15.pdf). Please familiarize yourself with this policy to ensure that you do not plagiarize by mistake.

3. If you require special assistance, or if you would like to ask for an extension, please speak to me before or after class.

4. Short Essay 3 is optional. If you wish to submit it, you may, and I will count it instead of your lowest grade on the Mid-Term or the other two essays. There will be no other extra credit assignments for this course.

**Course Schedule**

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| **Date** | **Topic** | **Due** | **Reading** |
| Sep 13 | **Introduction** |  |  |
| Sep 20 | **Philosophy, Theology, Logic, and the Sciences** |  | Part 1, A |
| Sep 27 | **The Problem of Universals** |  | Part 1, B |
| Oct 4 | **Illumination vs. Abstraction, and Scientific Knowledge** |  | Part 1, C |
| Oct 11 | **Knowledge and Skepticism** | Short Essay 1 Due | Part 1, D |
| Oct 18 | **Hylomorphism, Causality, Natural Philosophy** |  | Part 2, A |
| Oct 25 | **Midterm****Room 221** |
| Nov 1 | **Human Nature and the Philosophy of the Soul** |  | Part 2, B |
| Nov 8 | **Metaphysics, Existence and Essence** |  | Part 2, C |
| Nov 15 | **God’s Existence and Essence** |  | Part 2, D |
| Nov 22 | **Goodness and Being** | Short Essay 2 Due | Part 3, A |
| Nov 29 | **Freedom of the Will** |  | Part 3, B |
| Dec 6 | **Virtues and Happiness** | Short Essay 3 Due | Part 3, C |
| Dec 13 | **Divine Law, Natural Law, Positive Law** |  | Part 3, D |
| Dec 20  | Final Exam**at 1:30 PM, until 4:30 PM****Room 221** |