BASIC PROGRAM of LIBERAL EDUCATION FOR ADULTS
Spring, 2019
Basic Program: Year 3 – Spring Seminar

COURSE INFORMATION

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<td>BASC30303 1954</td>
<td>10 WEEKS Mar 30 – Jun 8 (no class May 25)</td>
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<th>COURSE SCHEDULE</th>
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GRAHAM SCHOOL INFORMATION

PHONE: 773.702.1722 WEBSITE: https://grahamschool.uchicago.edu

PREREQUISITES
Basic Program Years 1 and 2, and Autumn and Winter Quarter of Year 3.

ATTENDANCE POLICY
Students should register before the course begins. In order to earn a certificate, students should attend at least 6 classes of each regular Basic Program course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION
The Year 3 Spring Seminar focuses on philosophical and psychological ideas about human nature and morality.

REQUIRED TEXTS
# WEEKLY READING SCHEDULE

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| Week 1  
Date: March 30 | Montaigne | "To the Reader"; “On Idleness”; “On Fear”; “To Philosophize is to learn how to die”; “That it is madness to judge the true and the false from our own capacities" |
| Week 2  
Date: April 6 | Montaigne | "On the Cannibals"; "On Conscience"; "On Cruelty"; "On Experience" |
| Week 3  
Date: April 13 | Pascal | *Pensées* Section One, I-X, XV (pp 3-46, 58-66) |
| Week 4  
Date: April 20 | Pascal | *Pensées* Section Two, I-III, XI, XX-XXIV, XXX (pp 115-136, 150-153, 179-210, 247-250) |
| Week 5  
Date: April 27 | Nietzsche | *Genealogy*, Essay 1 |
| Week 6  
Date: May 4 | Nietzsche | *Genealogy*, Essay 2 |
| Week 7  
Date: May 11 | Nietzsche | *Genealogy*, Essay 3 |
| Week 8  
Date: May 18  
| Week 9  
Date: June 1 | Freud | Freud, *Interpretation of Dreams*: Chap VI sections a, b, c, d (pp 295-363) |
| Week 10  
Date: June 8 | Freud | Freud, *Interpretation of Dreams*: Chap VI section h & i (pp 466-511) |

This syllabus is a *summary of course objectives and content*, not a contract. All information in this syllabus is subject to change, with sufficient advance notice provided by the instructor.

**CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE**
As we may be addressing controversial topics in our class discussions, we expect students to be respectful and considerate of others.

**DISABILITY INFORMATION**
Student Disability Services (SDS) works to provide resources, support and accommodations for all students with disabilities and works to remove physical and attitudinal barriers, which may prevent their full participation in the University community. Students that would like to request accommodations should contact SDS in advance of the first class meeting at 773.702.6000 or disabilities@uchicago.edu.