

McLennan
C O M M U N I T Y
COLLEGE

WACO, TEXAS

COURSE SYLLABUS

AND

INSTRUCTOR PLAN

Introduction to Humanities 1

Human 1301.99H

Professors

Amber Bracken

Jarred Hankhouse

Anne Merchant

John Seawright

Bonnie Sneed

Introduction to Humanities

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Course Description:

An interdisciplinary, multi-perspective assessment of cultural, political, philosophical and aesthetic factors critical to the formulation of values and the historical development of the individual and of society. Team-taught by faculty from diverse departments as a colloquium (academic seminar led by a different lecturer and on a different topic at each session). Works may include studies, journals, novels, poems, treatises, graphic novels, films, plays, paintings, musical compositions, etc. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:

Member of Honors College/Presidential Scholars or permission of Honors College Director.

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:

The Honors Colloquium allows students to select, as available, a list of topics and readings from a larger group offered during the fall or spring semester. A colloquium is an academic meeting or seminar usually led by a different lecturer and on a different topic at each session. The Colloquium provides three hours of transferable academic credit in the Humanities. Unless notified, plan to meet all classes in the Honors College room (MAC 140). Faculty office hours are posted on BrightSpace in each professor's folder.

Instructor Contact Information:

Instructor Name: Dr. John Spano

MCC E-mail: jspano@mclennan.edu – Email recommended.

Office Phone Number:

Office Location: MAC 331

Office/Teacher Conference Hours: email.

Other Instruction Information:

Required Text & Materials:

Text: Who Moved My Cheese? An Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life

Author: Spencer Johnson

- **Paperback:** 95 pages
- **Publisher:** Vermilion; 2nd edition (June 1, 2006)
- **Language:** English
- **ISBN-10:** 0091816971
- **ISBN-13:** 978-0091816971

Text: *The Knife Man: Blood, body snatching, and the birth of modern surgery*

Author: Wendy Moore

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- **Paperback:** 352 pages
- **Publisher:** Broadway Books; Reprint edition (September 12, 2006)
- **Language:** English
- **ISBN-10:** 0767916530
- **ISBN-13:** 978-0767916530

Text: Word by Word: *The Secret Life of Dictionaries*

Author: Kory Stamper

- **Paperback:** 320 pages
- **Publisher:** Vintage; Reprint edition (March 6, 2018)
- **Language:** English
- **ISBN-10:** 9781101970263
- **ISBN-13:** 978-1101970263

Text: *Endurance: My Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery*

Author: Scott Kelly

- **Paperback:** 464 pages
- **Publisher:** Vintage; Reprint edition (September 25, 2018)
- **Language:** English
- **ISBN-10:** 0525432434
- **ISBN-13:** 978-0525432432

Text: *Mindset*

Author: Carol Dweck

- **Paperback:** 320 pages
- **Publisher:** Ballantine Books; Reprint, Updated edition (December 26, 2007)
- **Language:** English
- **ISBN-10:** 9780345472328
- **ISBN-13:** 978-0345472328

MCC Bookstore Website: <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

Student Support/Resources:

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at

<http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/>

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources, we encourage you to contact a success coach by calling (254) 299-8226. Students can visit the Completion Center Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. to meet with a success coach and receive additional resources and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) is open 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, without an appointment. The Completion Center and pantry are located on the Second Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

Minimum Technical Skills:

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

Backup Plan for Technology:

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be contacted/notified through your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

* [Click Here for the Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace](http://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/teaching-commons/requirements)
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Click on the link above for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

Methods of Teaching and Learning:

Examples: Lecture, discussion groups, group projects, field trips, lab exercises, projects, service learning assignments, student performances/presentations, portfolio, written reports/papers, exams, quizzes, simulators, and/or tutorial software.

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

Courses in this category focus on how ideas, values, beliefs, and other aspects of culture express and affect human experience. Courses involve the exploration of ideas that foster aesthetic and intellectual creation in order to understand the human condition across cultures.

- **Critical Thinking (CT)** -- to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- **Communications Skill (COM)** -- to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
- **Social Responsibility (SR)** -- to include intercultural competency, civic knowledge, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities
- **Personal Responsibility (PR)** -- to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making

Course Outline or Schedule:

Humanities 1301-- Great Works

Fall 2019

Below are your professors, required texts and meeting dates/times for Humanities 1301 (Honors). You will receive course information at the beginning of the fall semester. The Honors College Director will register you for this 3-hour course during the summer. Save room on your schedule for this course.

Purchase used texts ☺. Begin reading soon so that you are not rushed. Please read all books prior to beginning the fall semester.

Session 1

September 13th

Room: MAC 140

Time: 9 AM – 12 PM

Professor Jarred Hankhouse (Criminal Justice)

jhankhouse@mclennan.edu

Text: Who Moved My Cheese? An Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life

Author: Spencer Johnson

Session 2

September 27th

Room: MAC 140

Time: 12 – 3 PM

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Professor Anne Merchant (Biology)

amerchant@mclennan.edu

Text: *The Knife Man: Blood, body snatching, and the birth of modern surgery*

Author: Wendy Moore

Session 3

October 11th

MAC 140

Time: 9 AM – 12 PM

Dr. Bonnie Sneed (Conductor, MCC choirs)

bsneed@mclennan.edu

Text: Word by Word: *The Secret Life of Dictionaries*

Author: Kory Stamper

Session 4

October 25th

MAC 140

Time: 12 – 3 PM

Dr. John Seawright (Biology)

jseawright@mclennan.edu

Text: *Endurance: My Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery*

Author: Scott Kelly

Session 5

November 15th

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MAC 140

Time: 9 AM – 12 PM

Professor Amber Bracken (Spanish)

abracken@mclennan.edu

Text: *Mindset*

Author: Carol Dweck

Course Grading Information:

Grades will be determined according to your participation and contributions to each session and your response paper for that work. See professor's assignment guidelines on Bb. Each of the five colloquium grades, as determined and submitted by the professor of record, will account for 20% of your final grade.

Grading scale

I use the points scale for grades. There are 500 possible points.

90%-100% = A

80%-89% = B

70%-79% = C

60%-69% = D

0%-59% = F

Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:

1. Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated. Make yourself familiar with school policies in your Student Handbook about the repercussions of these activities. It can result in expulsion from the school, so please do not resort to them.
2. You cannot make up reading or in class quizzes.
3. As a general rule, you cannot make up tests. If an emergency arises, we will discuss options.
4. Students must e-mail me using your MCC email account if you decide to withdraw from the class. Students will be automatically withdrawn if they have exceeded 7 absences. After the student initiated withdrawal date, students exceeding 7 absences will be given a final grade of F unless they email with a request for a withdrawal.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

Students are expected to maintain classroom decorum that includes respect for other students and the instructor, prompt and regular attendance, and an attitude that seeks to take full advantage of the education opportunity.

* **[Click Here for the MCC Academic Integrity Statement](#)**

(www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity)

The link above will provide you with information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

* **[Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy](#)**

(www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies)

Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have guidelines specific to this course.

Accommodations/ADA Statement

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. Instructors should not provide accommodations unless approved by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit mclennan.edu/disability.

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

disabilities@mclennan.edu

254-299-8122

Room 319, Student Services Center

* **[Click Here for more information about Title IX](#)**

(www.mclennan.edu/titleix)

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Vice President for Student Success) at 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC by calling 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students.

McLennan's Title IX webpage (<http://www.mclennan.edu/titleix/>) contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence or domestic violence.

** You will need to access each link separately through your Web browser (for example: Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Chrome, or Safari) to print each link's information.*