

Huron Brief Course Outlines

Fall/Winter 2023-2024

Course Title: The Freedom of Hannah Arendt

Course Number and Section

GLOBAL GREAT BOOKS

3004F - 550

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Course Description:

In this course you will explore the ideas of freedom and action in the philosophy of Hannah Arendt. We will read parts of *The Origin of Totalitarianism* and the complete *The Human Condition* along with supplementary writings by Arendt. As a reading course, you will work primarily independently with biweekly meetings (or when necessary) with me. This will require an active and free discipline from you, where you will undertake to devote 3-9 hours a week dedicated to reading, researching and writing about Arendt.

Learning Outcomes:

To explore and understand the political philosophy of Hannah Arendt
To think about the nature of human freedom and the place of freedom and human activity in political life
To develop the skill of reading closely and synthesizing difficult and diverse material
To develop research skills
To learn to work independently

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Hannah Arendt, *The Human Condition*, University of Chicago Press, ISBN: 022658660X

Methods of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Weekly email updates	Every Monday	20%
7-8 page paper	10/16/23	20%
A proposed research question	11/01/23	5%
A preliminary annotated bibliography	11/15/23	15%
15 page Research Paper	12/01/23	40%

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