

Modes of Instruction: 1) Discussions, PowerPoints readings and videos: The lectures will supplement but NOT repeat the material covered in the texts. Both discussion, slides and reading materials will be assessed through the TOTW (Thoughts of the Week) and you are responsible for keeping current with all the material. Attendance is mandatory as per Chaminade University policies. Many of the videos you will view this semester will require a short reaction paper.

Skill Competencies you must have to take the course:

We will be using Canvas for this course. You will also get an invite to share some of my Google Drive folders that have course materials for your use. If you need assistance, contact me or the CUH Help Desk.

Assignments should be sent to me as e-mail attachments, either as Word docs/rtf/pdf formal files.

Do not attempt to complete all the course work on your phone—get a tablet. You can get a durable cheap one on Amazon for under \$100 US, or the price of one of your serious textbooks [Kindle Fire 8= \$89; Samsung Tab A= \$109]. Your eyes and carpal tunnel will thank you, not to mention you have a larger screen for gaming/videos.

GRADING:

- **CRITICAL THINKING EXERCISES:** You will complete a series of Critical Thinking Exercises [6 total-see Schedule]. At the start of each module I bring up some topics you might want to consider, or you can do one based on your own personal interest from the materials in that module—if you want to do your own, you must check with me first to see if it's appropriate.
 - Each CT will consist of a minimum of 6 paragraphs in a specific format [see below]
 - The CTs count for 60% of your course grade;
- **PRESENTATION/BLOG POST:**
 - You do this by yourself [solo]—NO GROUP WORK
 - Presentation/blog will be based on a specific concept or topic from the course materials
 - Do NOT repeat the material presented in the course PowerPoints—this must be your own material
 - Your goal is a presentation that would be useful for your classmates
 - Your presentation can be as a PowerPoint, blog post or website (your choice) and cover your topic in detail. For length estimate 5-7 PowerPoint slides or a 7-10 paragraph blog post as the minimum.
 - It must include: 1) clarification of any technical terms and explanation; 2) examples that clarify the question; 3) one or two final thoughts that show the importance of the issue; 4) cites and sources.
 - The Presentation will count for 15% of the course grade
- **REACTION PAPERS and LEARNING ASSIGNMENTS [as required]:**
 - You will write a number of reaction papers, based on questions posed to videos
 - You will not be graded on grammar
 - They will be from 1-2 pages in length
 - There will also be several assignments during the semester directed at learning, both readings and tasks. You will be graded on the completion of the assignments.
 - Reaction Papers/Learning Assignments count for 5% of the course grade
- **ATTENDANCE:**
 - Attendance is mandatory in all CUH courses, either in person or via Zoom meetings