HONORS 1023: Spring, 2015

1. **Instructor:** Doren Recker  
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2. **Description:** Honors 1023 is an interdisciplinary, team-taught Humanities course covering central themes within the art, philosophy, literature, drama and history of Western culture during the Medieval & Early Renaissance periods.

3. **Requirements:** Students will be expected to attend class regularly, read the assignments *ON TIME (!),* and participate in class discussions. Individual grades will be based on the following...
   (a) 4 short [3-4 pp.] papers on assigned topics, each worth 100 pts. *Late papers will be docked 1 letter grade/day.* [400 pts]
   (b) In-class Midterm Examination, predominantly essay format (cf. daily schedule for date) [100 pts]
   (c) In-class comprehensive Final Examination, predominantly essay format (cf. daily schedule for date) [200 pts]
   **700 pts**

4. **Grading:** A student's final grade will be based on his/her average at the end of the semester [90-100% = A; 80-89% = B, etc.]

5. **Attendance:** Attendance will be taken regularly, both in small group discussions, and in large joint sessions. *After 3 unexcused absences, a student will be docked 7 pts.* (1 percentage point) from his/her final point total for each additional unexcused absence.
   'Good Attendance' (3 or fewer unexcused absences during the semester) will be used to determine borderline cases (final percentages within 1% of the next higher grade...89%; 79%, etc.). That is, in such cases, a student with 'good attendance' will receive the higher grade, a student *without* good attendance will not.

6. **Class Participation:** Regular, active participation in class discussions will also be used to determine borderline cases. The instructor reserves the right to count this participation for as much as 1%. That is, after good or bad attendance is applied to determine a student's final point total, the instructor may elect to add or subtract up to 7 additional points for active class participation or a noticeable *lack* of class participation (lesser numbers of points are also possible). This decision is irrevocably in the hands of the instructor. It is a *reward* or a *penalty* based on class participation, *not* automatic (not a 'right').

7. **Plagiarism:** See the ‘OSU POLICIES’ info on D2L for Academic Misconduct policies. I will push for the harshest penalties if you are caught plagiarizing or cheating in any way. **You have been warned!**