

	THEMES & TOPICS	Date	TEXTS		NOTES
			Monday	Wednesday	
AUGUST		5 7			
		12 14			
		19 21			
	LET'S BEGIN... [INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW OF OUR STUDY]	26 28	Introduction and Over- view	⇒ "RESOLUTIONS; Self Improvement/ Im- proving Ourselves to Death" (M)	Bring from your own world examples/ illustrations/artefacts to the class on the sub- ject of our study.

SEPTEMBER	THEMES & TOPICS	Date	TEXTS		NOTES
			Monday	Wednesday	
	POPULAR & PREVALENT CONCEPTIONS IN THE WEST	2 4	⇒ <i>Meaning of Life</i> , Ch.4 & 3	⇒ <i>Meaning of Life</i> , Ch.2 & 1	
	WHAT IS ISLAMIC VIEW OF LIFE, OF BEING HUMAN? (I)	9 11	⇒ SRZ, "The Orienting Tale of All That's Islamic" (M)	⇒ Criteria for Humanity (here) ⇒ <i>The Goal of Life</i> (M)	
	WHAT IS ISLAMIC VIEW OF LIFE, OF BEING HUMAN? (II)	16 18	⇒ SHN, Self-Awareness & Ultimate Selfhood (M) ⇒ <i>The Lives of Man</i> (Prologue-p.51)	⇒ <i>The Lives of Man</i> (pp.52-the end)	
	A MANUAL FOR LIFE OR 'ISLAMIC' LIFE	23 25	⇒ Ghazali, <i>Alchemist of Happiness</i> , pp.17-63 (M) ⇒ Ghazali, <i>Mukhtasar</i> (23-40)	⇒ Ghazali, <i>Mukhtasar</i> (85-98 & 120-127)	
		30	⇒ Ghazali, <i>Mukhtasar</i> (165-181, 187-204 & 211-220)		Bring questions on <u>concrete passages</u> that are unclear, or you'd like to explore.

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OCTOBER		2		⇒ Ghazali, <i>Mukhtasar</i> (239-273)	Bring questions on <u>concrete passages</u> that are unclear, or you'd like to explore.
		7 9	⇒ Ghazali, <i>Mukhtasar</i> (274-299, 320-322, 361-365 & 377-386)	⇒ Ghazali, <i>Mukhtasar</i> (403-418 & 427-441 & 462-464)	• PORTFOLIO PART I & II Due on OCT 9 Bring questions on <u>concrete passages</u> that are unclear, or you'd like to explore.
		14 16	FALL BREAK	Mid-term Preparation (NO CLASS MEETING—SRZ will be in his office during class time if you need to meet)	• Fall Break & Preparation for Midterm
	ISLAMIC SPIRITUAL & MYSTICAL LIFE	21 23	MIDTERM REVIEW	⇒ SHN (Lecture), "Sufism and the Integration of the Inner and Outer Life of Man" (M)	• MIDTERM • Sufism/Mystical Dimension of Tradition
		28 30	⇒ <i>Principles of Sufism</i> (1-57)	⇒ <i>Principles of Sufism</i> (58-98)	

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NOVEMBER	MYSTICAL —> PHIL- OSOPHICAL LIFE	4 6	⇒ <i>The Refinement of Character</i> (“Preamble” & “First Discourse”)	⇒ <i>The Refinement of Character</i> (“Second Discourse”)	
	...CONTD [A PHILOSOPHICAL & CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE]	11 13	⇒ <i>The Refinement of Character</i> (“Third Discourse”)	⇒ <i>The Refinement of Character</i> (“Fourth Discourse”)	
		18 20	⇒ Quiz ⇒ <i>The Refinement of Character</i> (SYNTHESIS)	⇒ GUEST LECTURE: Prof. Olli Pekka-Vainio, “Christian Virtue Theory”.	GUEST LECTURE this week.
	PHILOSOPHICAL —> POLITICAL LIFE	25 27	⇒ <i>Advice on the Art of Governance</i> , 37-62 & 78-99	N/A	THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER	THEMES & TOPICS	Date	TEXTS		NOTES
			Monday	Wednesday	
	[CONCLUDING our Study]	2	⇒ Portfolio ⇒ <i>Advice to a Serious Seeker</i> (OVERVIEW)	⇒ Concluding & Evalu- ating our study	COMPLETE PORTFOLIO IS DUE IN CLASS ON DEC 4
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		9			If needed, OPTIONAL DAYS may be used. SEMI-CUMULATIVE REVIEW is during regular Davidson exam week.
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