

LNW6933 sect. 1805/1808: On the Free Will

Fall 2017 – Dr. Biagio Santorelli

- **Time and Location**

M period E1-E3 (7:20-10:10pm)

Dauer Hall 125 (Classics Department Library)

- **Contact Information**

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- **Course objectives and goals**

This course will offer a survey of two fundamental moments of the pluri-millennial debate on human Free Will. The first half of the course will focus on the controversy between Augustine and Pelagius (IV-V CE): we will read through Augustine's *De Gratia et libero arbitrio* (418 CE), with a selection of passages from the other works by Augustine on the same topic. The second part of the course will be devoted to the reception of this controversy in the XVI century, specifically in the debate between Martin Luther and Erasmus from Rotterdam; we will read Erasmus' *De libero arbitrio* (1524), with a selection of passages from Luther's *De servo arbitrio* (1525). The class will consist of a close reading of the Latin texts, with a study of their linguistic peculiarities; the philosophical and theological questions posed by the texts will be considered as well.

- **Textbook**

- Augustinus, *De gratia et libero arbitrio*: Patrologia Latina 44, 881-912 (available online: http://www.documentacatholicaomnia.eu/02m/0354-0430_Augustinus_De_Gratia_Et_Libero_Arbitrio_Ad_Valentinum_MLT.pdf)
- Erasmus, *De libero arbitrio*, in: *Collected Works of Erasmus*. Vol. 76: *Controversies*, Toronto 1999, ISBN: 9780802043177

■ Weekly course schedule of topics and assignments

Week 1	Aug. 21	Introduction: Augustine, Pelagius, and the dispute on the Free Will
Week 2	Aug. 28	Augustine, <i>De gratia et libero arbitrio</i> 1-4
Week 3	Sept. 4	No class (Labor Day)
Week 4	Sept. 11	Augustine, <i>De gratia et libero arbitrio</i> 5-8
Week 5	Sept. 18	Augustine, <i>De gratia et libero arbitrio</i> 9-12
Week 6	Sept. 25	Augustine, <i>De gratia et libero arbitrio</i> 13-16
Week 7	Oct. 2	Augustine, <i>De gratia et libero arbitrio</i> 17-20
Week 8	Oct. 9	Augustine, <i>De gratia et libero arbitrio</i> 21-24
Week 9	Oct. 16	MIDTERM EXAM
Week 10	Oct. 23	Introduction: Luther, Erasmus, and the dispute on the Bondage of Will
Week 11	Oct. 30	Erasmus, <i>De libero arbitrio</i> , I (Introduction)
Week 12	Nov. 6	Erasmus, <i>De libero arbitrio</i> , II (Texts in favor of the Free Will)
Week 13	Nov. 13	Erasmus, <i>De libero arbitrio</i> , III (Texts against the Free Will)
Week 14	Nov. 20	Erasmus, <i>De libero arbitrio</i> , IV (Conclusions)
Week 15	Nov. 27	Luther: Responses to Erasmus
Week 16	Dec. 4	Conclusions

■ Course requirements and grades

Students in LNW6933 are expected to read the assigned texts prior to class and to be prepared to participate in the discussion. Your grades will be based, first of all, on two exams (midterm and final). In addition, you will be required to give a presentation in the second half of the course: you will be assigned a specific passage from Erasmus' *De libero arbitrio*, which you will introduce to the class, analyzing the responses by Martin Luther as well as the influences of the controversy between Augustine and Pelagius on the specific issues involved in your passage.

- Midterm exam (Oct. 16) = 40 %
- presentation (to be determined) = 20 %
- Final exam (Dec. 12) = 40 %

■ Class attendance and make-up works

Students are expected to attend class regularly. Make-up quizzes and exams will be given only for medical reasons. I must have written documentation for any medical or other emergencies which result in a missed test.

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

■ ADA requirements

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

■ Grading scale

A	93-100
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	63-66
D-	60-62
E	below 60

■ Course evaluation

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>.

Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open.

Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>.

- **Honesty policy**

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honorcode/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

- **Contact information for the Counseling and Wellness Center:** <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.