

A Scanner Darkly - UnCommon Reads

COURSE TITLE : Uncommon Reads: A Scanner Darkly
MEETING TIME/LOCATION: Tuesday 9th period, LIT0119
INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Dan Dickrell III (did3@ufl.edu)
OFFICE: MAE-C 130

BOOK TITLE: A Scanner Darkly
AUTHOR : Philip K. Dick
PUBLICATION DATE: 1977

During this course we will read the classic P.K. Dick dystopian/scifi novel and discuss its predictions and observations about technology, drugs and society in the 2000's from our current perspective in 2021.

Grading/Work:

Attendance/Participation: 80%
End-of-Term Reflection Paper: 20%

One place to start to reach these goals is in discussion, so this course will run like a seminar in which all enrolled students are asked to read the book outside of class and then verbally participate in the weekly class meetings and discussions. Attendance and verbal participation will make up 80% of the course grade. The remaining 20% of each student's grade will be based on a end-of-term reflection paper that summarizes the experience of the class from a personal perspective.

Letter Grade % GPA Equivalency

A 4.0 A - 3.67 B+ 3.33 B 3.00 B - 2.67 C+ 2.33 C 2.00 C - 1.67 D+ 1.33 D 1.00 D - .67
*Please Note: A grade of C - or below will not count toward major requirements.

UF grading policies can be reviewed at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx> (Links to an external site.)

Students are expected to contribute in a positive and constructive manner. Any student purposely affecting the course negatively or another student negatively will be asked to leave the course and will be reported to appropriate university administration. The instructor anticipates that all students on this course will be supportive of one - another and patient with the difficult material they are engaging. Students are expected to assist in maintaining a classroom environment that is conducive to learning. In order to assure that all students have the opportunity to gain from time spent in class, unless otherwise approved by the instructor, students are prohibited from engaging in any form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result, minimally, in a request to leave class. If you have questions about appropriate classroom demeanor please notify the instructor.

Excused/unexcused absences/ arriving late to class: Any excused absence must be documented by a doctor's note and a copy of this note provided to the instructor. Unexcused absences will incur a five percent grade penalty per incident. Late arrivals to class will be treated as unexcused absences and will incur a five percent grade penalty per incident.

Mobile phones : Using phones, laptops, or other devices for social or non - course related business will result in the loss of the student's privilege to bring their laptop or phone to the class lecture or other class meeting.

Late assignments: Please see Make - Up Policy above.

Student Accommodation: Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

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Web: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/>

Academic Honesty Policy:

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<http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/students.html#honesty> Honor Code:

<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcodes/honorcode.php>

Student Conduct: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcodes/conductcode.php>