



COURSE INFORMATION

1. OFFICE HOURS

I (Peter Vranas) will hold office hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9:55-10:55am, in my office, 5171 Helen C. White Hall (phone: 263-3740). I hope to meet each of you several times during the term. You have no obligation to come (it doesn't count towards your course grade), but I hope you will take advantage of my willingness to give you individualized attention. I will be handing out a sign-up sheet for my office hours, but feel free to make appointments if the above times don't suit you. You can best reach me by email (vranas@wisc.edu).

2. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

	Grade component	Due	Graded	Weight
1	Two 50-minute online exams on the readings (consisting of 20 true-false questions each)	See syllabus for dates	Immediately (online)	40% (20% each)
2	Class participation (see Grading Policy)	Regularly	On Dec. 12	30%
2	Term paper (2,000 words maximum)	Dec. 11	By Dec. 21	30%
	Some handouts on the term paper are on my website: https://vranas.website			100%

This is a 3-credit course. It meets for three 50-minute class periods each week over the semester and carries the expectation that students will work on course learning activities on average for about 2 hours out of classroom for each class period.

3. DISCUSSION RULES

The fundamental discussion rule is that we must *treat everyone with the utmost respect*. It is not acceptable to insult or ridicule people or views. Everyone should feel free to voice unpopular opinions, as long as the opinions are expressed respectfully and backed by arguments. *You should feel especially free to disagree with me.*

The fundamental rule of respect has two concrete consequences. (1) Interrupting others is disrespectful: *please raise your hand and wait for your turn* before you speak. (2) Ignoring speakers is disrespectful: *please don't talk among yourselves* while someone is speaking.

4. MAIN COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To help you become familiar with the scientific and philosophical literatures on time travel.
2. To help you develop valuable skills by emphasizing original thinking, clarity, and precision in your term paper.

5. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

If you would like special arrangements because (1) you have a disability or (2) you are observing some religious holidays or (3) you have work responsibilities, please let me know as soon as possible. Students with disabilities may wish to contact the McBurney Disability Resource Center (<http://www.mcburney.wisc.edu>).