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**COURSE SYLLABUS Fall 2020**

**First-Year Foundation Course 100 *Humanomics: Intersections of Human Identity***

TTH 11:30 – 12:45 WH 202

Office hours by appointment

Catalog Description:

*Prerequisites*: Disposition to inquire and be challenged.

Co-taught by professors from Economics and English, this course combines philosophical, literary, and economic texts and tools to explore phenomena at the heart of today’s world, including immigration, segregation, identity politics, and conflict. Students in this course will question how identities and a mass culture intersect in the 21st century, will ask if liberal democracies and exchange economies can help humans achieve just, noble lives, respecting their identities.

(Offered fall semester.) 3 credits.

First-Year Foundations Course Program Learning Outcome:

Students critically analyze and communicate complex issues and ideas.

Course Learning Outcomes:

Students will

1. Evaluate arguments and attitudes towards identity in a broader context, where individuals are at the center.
2. Challenge and deconstruct the perceived tension between economics and the humanities.
3. Ask cogent, thought-provoking questions based upon critical reading of texts.
4. Present, explain, and evaluate economic- and humanity-based arguments orally and in writing.
5. Identify disconnections between empathy and rationality.
6. Challenge a reductionist approach to human identity.

Texts [Please no e-books; we will use the same hard-copy version of each text]:

* Orange, Tommy. *There There*. Alfred A. Knopf, 2018.
* Ortega y Gasset, José. *The Revolt of the Masses.* W.W. Norton, 1932.
* Sen, Amartya. *Identity &Violence: The Illusion of Destiny.* Penguin, 2006.

The following texts will be made available:

Chang, Jeff. *We Gon’ Be Alright.* Picador, 2016.

 “On Resegregation,” (64 – 85)

Schelling, Thomas C. *Micromotives and Macrobehavior.* W.W. Norton, 1978/2006.

 Chapter Four – “Sorting and Mixing: Race and Sex,” (135 – 166)

 Chapter Five – “Sorting and Mixing: Age and Income,” (169 – 190)

Once a text has become part of the discussion, students are expected to bring it to class. This could mean that Orange, Ortega, Sen, and any other of the day’s readings are ALL in play. The intersection of texts and discussants is an important feature of the course.

Instructional Methods:

This course includes a combination of Socratic roundtable discussions of readings, laboratory experiments, written work, and an oral final examination.

Evaluation:

10% Participation in class discussion

10% Participation in experiments

15% Questions and artifacts for class discussion

45% Papers (15% each)

20% Final examination

 Letter Grade Numerical Score:

 A 94-100

 A- 90-93.9

 B+ 86-89.9

 B 84-85.9

 B- 80-83.9

 C+ 76-79.9

 C 74-75.9

 C- 70-73.9

 D 64-69.9

 F 0-63.9

Because of the interactive nature of the class, attendance is an essential component. Excessive tardies constitute absences; six absences may result in failure (Undergraduate Catalog 2019-2020, “Academic Policies and Procedures”). Please keep this in mind. Missed in-class work cannot be made up.

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 [www.chapman.edu/academics/academicintegrity/index.aspx](http://www.chapman.edu/academics/academicintegrity/index.aspx).

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Any violations of this policy should be discussed with the professor, the dean of students and/or otherwise reported in accordance with this policy.

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