

**THE BUSINESS WORLD:
MORAL AND SPIRITUAL INQUIRY THROUGH LITERATURE
POLECON 349
SPRING 2010**

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

1. Study questions will be available on the course web page one week before each class. Please be prepared to answer them orally during classroom discussion.
2. Students are expected to spend 6-8 hours per week reading the novel or play assigned, re-reading it in relation to the study questions, and reviewing any associated background materials.
3. No pass/fail grades are permitted in this course. The instructor will assign a grade to each student's class participation following each Thursday session. He will be glad to provide grading feedback at any student's request after the first four classes. Classroom performance constitutes 50% of the overall course grade. The other 50% will be based on a 3,000-4,000 word paper due at the beginning of class on **May 27**. It will be assigned by **April 29** and will require a personal response to the reading. Papers will be graded on the basis of understanding of the novels and plays and depth of personal reflection on the reading. There will be no final exam.
4. The following will be considered in evaluating classroom performance:
 - a. A student may miss one class without adversely affecting her/his grade. Beyond that, a failing grade for class participation will be assigned for each missed class. The effect of an unavoidable absence may be partially mitigated by written answers to study questions, however.
 - b. Absence during any part of a class will adversely affect the class participations grade. Classes will begin at 3:15 p.m. and end at 6:15 p.m. with a 10-minute break from 4:50pm – 5:00pm.
 - c. Pedagogical techniques in this class will include cold calls and warm spotlights.
5. Instructor Scotty McLennan can be contacted at mclennan_scotty@gsb.stanford.edu (650-723-1762) or through his assistant, Chris Lion clion@stanford.edu (650-723-9040). Appointments may be scheduled through Chris Lion for 2-3 p.m. at the GSB on Thursdays. Please contact the instructor directly for other appointment times and places.