

Virtue, Happiness, and the Human Good

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New Haven, CT

Aristotle says that happiness is the highest aim of human life, the only end that is not a means to some other end. How can we live a private life that contributes to our happiness? How can we live a public life that contributes to our happiness? This seminar takes a philosophical and sociological approach to these fundamental questions. Readings are drawn from the works of Aristotle, Alexis de Tocqueville, Alasdair MacIntyre, and Jonathan Haidt. Students will engage in practical exercises and propose projects to enhance happiness.

Seminar Faculty

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Eligibility

The seminar is open to advanced undergraduates (including graduating seniors) and graduate students with interests in moral philosophy, politics, sociology, and economics.

Registration Fee and Facilities

A registration fee of \$200 covers room and board for the duration of the seminar. Scholarships are available.

Application Requirements and Instructions

To apply please send the following documents to info@elminstitute.org:

- 1) Cover letter discussing the reasons for your interest in the seminar and an overview of any relevant experience in the seminar's topic.
- 2) A writing sample of up to 2,000 words.

In addition, please arrange to have a faculty member familiar with your academic work send a letter of recommendation to info@elminstitute.org.

The application deadline for the seminar is **February 15, 2016**. Applicants can expect to receive a decision by March 15, 2015.