

## CC 101: The Ancient World

### Syllabus

Fall 1993  
Tuesday/Thursday, 9:30-11:00 a.m.  
Tsai Center

### Core Professors

Professor James Devlin (Philosophy)	Professor Eugene Green (English)
Professor James Johnson (History)	Professor Stephen Scully (Classics)
Professor Brian Jorgensen (English)	Professor Aryeh Motzkin (Philosophy)
Professor Judith Swanson (Political Science)	Professor Steven Salamone (Core)
Professor Gerald Fitzgerald (English)	Professor Stephen Esposito (Classics)
Professor George Hoffmann (Modern Languages)	Professor John Kidd (English)

**Course Description:** The Humanities Core is a four-semester sequence of courses, each organized around a close study of some of the best and most influential works of literature, philosophy, religion, and the arts. The sequence develops chronologically, allowing students both to understand a text from the perspective of its author and original audience, and to discover the qualities that make it a timeless and enduring classic.

The first semester of the Humanities Core will acquaint students with two seminal strands of the Western tradition: the Hebrew Scriptures and the world of the ancient Greeks. We shall also consider the Egyptians, Babylonians, Assyrians, and other peoples to whom the Hebrews and Greeks are indebted. Among the topics to which we shall be attending: the nature of the hero, and the relationship between heroes and the ordinary; God or the gods; ancient cities; the erotic; the meaning of justice. The themes of the course include: human experience of the divine; war--that is, man's struggle with human and natural forces whose essence is strife; the development of *logos* (human reason or cognition) as a response to the divine and to the forces of nature; and the development of art--meaning science, technology; and the ability to create alternative experience.

**Books:** The books you should purchase and read are available at the Boston University Bookstore. The last page of this syllabus provides a list of these books.

**Grading:** Final grades will be determined by your seminar professor and will follow the University curve (A=4.0, A-=3.7, etc.). The grade will be based on a combination of written work, examinations, and participation valued in approximately the following proportions:

Midterm exam	10%	Seminar Papers	50%
Final exam	25%	Seminar participation	15%

Exams will cover materials in the lectures, seminars, and readings. They will include objective, short essay, and long essay questions. Choices will be offered. Paper topics will be assigned, and papers graded by, seminar instructors.

Core Humanities 1st Semester, CC 101

CLA CC101	A1	Core Humanities I	Lec	Devlin	TR	9:30-11:00A	TSAI
CLA CC101	B1	Core Humanities I	Dis	Johnson	MWF	1:00-2:00P	CLA 420
CLA CC101	B2	Core Humanities I	Dis	Swanson	MWF	2:00-3:00P	CLA 408
CLA CC101	B3	Core Humanities I	Dis	Devlin	W	3:00-6:00P	CLA B04
CLA CC101	B4	Core Humanities I	Dis	Green	TR	12:30-2:00P	CLA 422
CLA CC101	B5	Core Humanities I	Dis	Motzkin	TR	2:00-3:30P	CLA 213
CLA CC101	B6	Core Humanities I	Dis	Salamone	TR	11:00-12:30P	CLA 203
CLA CC101	B7	Core Humanities I	Dis	Jorgensen	M	3:00-6:00P	CLA 420
CLA CC101	B8	Core Humanities I	Dis	Scully	MWF	10:00-11:00P	SMG B20
CLA CC101	B9	Core Humanities I	Dis	Hoffmann	MWF	2:00-3:00P	CLA 312
CLA CC101	C1	Core Humanities I	Dis	Fitzgerald	TR	12:30-2:00P	CLA 315
CLA CC101	C2	Core Humanities	Dis	Esposito	TR	11:00-12:30	CLA 213
CLA CC101	C3	Core Humanities	Dis	Kidd	TR	12:30-2:00	CLA 416

## Lecture and Exam Schedule

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Tsai Center, TR 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 9/7/93: (1) *Gilgamesh: Two-thirds god.*  
Reading: Gilgamesh, tablets 1-6

*Lecture: Professor Devlin: Introduction to the Core*

Thursday, 9/9/93: (2) *Gilgamesh: One-third mortal.*  
Reading: Gilgamesh, tablets 7-11

*Lecture: Professor Jorgensen: Who is Gilgamesh?*

Tuesday, 9/14/93: (3) *Genesis: Creation, Fall, and Flood*  
Reading: Genesis, chapters 1-11

*Lecture: Professor Motzkin on Genesis*

Thursday, 9/16/93: (4) *Genesis: Patriarchs*  
Reading: Genesis, chapters 12-35

*Lecture: Professor Zimansky: Nature and City in Ancient Life*

Tuesday, 9/21/93:  
LAW AUDITORIUM (5) *Samuel: The Coming of Kingship*  
Reading: 1 Samuel, chapters 1-15

*Lecture: Professor Purvis: The Emergence of Monarchy in Israel*

Thursday, 9/23/93: (6) *Samuel: David, Jonathan, Saul*  
Reading: 1 Samuel, chapters 15-31

*Lecture: Professor Devlin: David and Saul*

Tuesday, 9/28/93: (7) *Samuel: David the young king*  
Reading: 2 Samuel, chapters 1-12

*Lecture: Professor Purvis: Who Wrote the Bible?*

Thursday, 9/30/93: (8) *Samuel: David the old king*  
Reading: 2 Samuel, chapters 12-24; 1 Kings, chapters 1-2

*Lecture: Professor Motzkin: Kingship and Prophecy*

Tuesday, 10/5/93: (9) *Job: Job and his comforters*  
Reading: Job, chapters 1-21

*Lecture: Professor Wiesel on the Book of Job*

Thursday, 10/7/93: (10) *Job: Job and God*  
Reading: Job, chapters 22-42

*Lecture: Professor Devlin on Job and God*

Tuesday, 10/12/93: MONDAY SCHEDULE. NO LECTURE.

Thursday, 10/14/93: (11) *Homer, The Odyssey: Athena and Telemakhos*  
Reading: Odyssey, books 1-6

*Lecture: Professor McClellan: The Mycenaean Age*

Tuesday, 10/19/93: (13) *Homer, The Odyssey: Odysseus and the journey home*  
Reading: Odyssey, books 7-12

*Lecture: Professor Scully on the Greek Gods*

Thursday, 10/21/93: (14) *Homer, The Odyssey: At Eumaios' hut*  
Reading: Odyssey, books 13-18

*Lecture: Professor Wians: Odysseus the Harper*

Tuesday, 10/26/93: (15) *Homer, The Odyssey: Odysseus, Penelope, and the death of the suitors*  
Reading: Odyssey, books 19-24

*Lecture: Professor Esposito on The Odyssey*

Thursday, 10/28/93: (16) *Aeschylus, The Oresteia*  
Reading: Aeschylus, Agamemnon

*Lecture: Professor Scully on the Greek Polis*

Tuesday, 11/2/93: (17) *Aeschylus, The Oresteia*  
Reading: Aeschylus, The Libation Bearers

*Lecture: Professor Johnson on the emergence of tragedy*

Thursday, 11/4/93: (18) *Aeschylus, The Oresteia*  
Reading: Aeschylus, The Eumenides

*Lecture: Professor Devlin on The Oresteia*

Tuesday, 11/9/93: (19) *Aeschylus, The Oresteia*  
Reading: Aeschylus, The Oresteia

*Lecture: Professor McClellan on the Athenian Acropolis*

Thursday, 11/11/93: MIDTERM EXAM  
Reading: Aristophanes, The Clouds

Tuesday, 11/16/93: (20) *Aristophanes, The Clouds*  
Reading: Aristophanes, The Clouds

*Lecture: Professor Reinhold: The Golden Age of Athens*

*Jeff Henderson*

Thursday, 11/18/93: (21) *Aristophanes, The Clouds*  
Reading: Aristophanes, The Clouds

*Lecture: Professor Henderson on Aristophanes*

*Devlin*

Tuesday, 11/23/93: (22) *Plato, The Republic What is Justice?*  
Reading: Plato, Republic, Book 1

*Lecture: Professor Devlin on Book 1 of The Republic*

*Motzkin*

Thursday, 11/25/93: NO CLASS. THANKSGIVING VACATION

Tuesday, 11/30/93: (23) *Plato, The Republic: A City in Speech*  
Reading: Plato, Republic, Books 2-3

*Lecture: Professor Motzkin: Plato, the Poets, and the Sophists*

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Thursday, 12/2/93: (24) *Plato, The Republic: Perfecting the City*  
Reading: Plato, Republic, Books 4-5

*Lecture: Professor Jorgensen: Plato on Love, Sex, and Desire*

Tuesday, 12/7/93: (25) *Plato, The Republic The Line and the Cave*  
Reading: Plato, Republic, Books 6-7

*Lecture: Professor Devlin on Plato's Divided Line*

Thursday, 12/9/93: (26) *Plato, The Republic: O Fair Democracy*  
Reading: Plato, Republic, Books 8-9

*Lecture: Professor Swanson on Plato's Regimes*

Tuesday, 12/14/93: (27) *Plato: The Republic: Saving the Myth*  
Reading: The Republic, Book 10

*Lecture: Professor Devlin: Platonic Virtue and the Myth of Er*

Thursday, 12/16/93: NO CLASS. STUDY PERIOD.

Saturday, 12/18/92: FINAL EXAM, 9:00 a.m.

CC 101 Core Humanities I Reading List

Fall 1992

Gilgamesh, tr. David Ferry  
(New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1992)  
ISBN: 0-374-16227-1

The Bible, Revised Standard Version  
(New York: New American Library, 1962)  
ISBN: 0-452-00647-3

Genesis, chapters 1-35  
1 Samuel  
2 Samuel  
1 Kings, chapters 1-2  
Job

Homer, The Odyssey, tr. Robert Fitzgerald  
(New York: Random House, Vintage Classics, 1989)  
ISBN: 0-679-72813-9

Aeschylus, The Oresteia, tr. Robert Fagles  
(New York: Penguin, 1975)  
ISBN: 0-14-04333-9

Aristophanes, The Clouds, tr. William Arrowsmith  
(New York: Meridian, New American Library, 1962)  
ISBN: 0-452-00717-8

Plato, The Republic, tr. Allan Bloom  
(New York: Basic Books, 1968)  
ISBN: 0-465-06936-3

Strunk and White, The Elements of Style  
(New York: Macmillan, 1979)  
ISBN: 0-02-418200-1

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