

Core Curriculum 101:  
The Ancient World  
Fall Semester 1997

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SEMINAR SYLLABUS

SCHEDULE OF READINGS:

The following is an approximate schedule of seminar readings and the due dates for major written assignments this term. There may be slight changes to this schedule as we go through the semester.

- 9/3 -- Introduction  
9/5 -- Gilgamesh, tablets 1-6
- 9/8 -- Gilgamesh, tablets 7-11  
9/10 -- Genesis, chapters 1-11 (one-page paper on Gilgamesh due)  
9/12 -- Genesis, chapters 12-24
- 9/15 -- Genesis, chapters 25-35  
9/17 -- Genesis, concluding discussion (one-page paper on Genesis)  
9/19 -- 1 Samuel, chapters 1-15
- 9/22 -- 1 Samuel, chapters 16-31  
9/24 -- 2 Samuel, 1-12 (one-page paper on Samuel)  
9/26 -- 2 Samuel, 13-24; 1 Kings, chapters 1-2
- 9/29 -- Job, chapters 1-14  
10/1 -- Job, chapters 15-31 (one-page paper on Job)  
10/3 -- Job, chapters 32-42
- 10/6 -- Homer, Odyssey, Books 1-4  
10/8 -- Homer, Odyssey, Books 5-9 (Longer Essay #1)  
10/10 -- Homer, Odyssey, Books 10-12
- 10/13 -- Holiday, no classes  
10/14 -- Homer, Odyssey, Books 13-18  
10/15 -- Homer, Odyssey, Books 19-24 (one-page paper on the Odyssey)  
10/17 -- Concluding discussion on the Odyssey
- 10/20 -- Midterm exam review  
10/21 -- MIDTERM EXAMINATION (Tsai Center)  
10/22 -- Aeschylus, Oresteia, Agamemnon

- 10/24 -- Aeschylus, Oresteia, Agamemnon
- 10/27 -- Aeschylus, Oresteia, Libation Bearers
- 10/29 -- Aeschylus, Oresteia, Eumenides (one-page paper on the Oresteia)
- 10/31 -- Aeschylus, Oresteia, Eumenides
- 11/3 -- Aeschylus, Oresteia, overview
- 11/5 -- Aristophanes, Clouds (one-page paper on the Eumenides)
- 11/7 -- Aristophanes, Clouds
- 11/10 -- Plato, Republic, Book I (327a-336b)
- 11/12 -- Plato, Republic, Book I (336b-352d) (Longer Essay #2)
- 11/14 -- Plato, Republic, Book I (352d) - Book II (362d)
- 11/17 -- Plato, Republic, Book II (362d-end)
- 11/19 -- Plato, Republic, Book III (one-page paper on Plato)
- 11/21 -- Plato, Republic, Books IV-V
- 11/24 -- Plato, Republic, Book VI  
 [THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY -- 11/26-11/30]
- 12/1 -- Plato, Republic, Book VII
- 12/3 -- Plato, Republic, Book VIII (one-page paper)
- 12/5 -- Plato, Republic, Book IX
- 12/8 -- Plato, Republic, Book X (595a-614a)
- 12/10 -- Plato, Republic, Book X (614a-end) (Longer Essay #3)
- 12/12 -- Plato, Republic, concluding discussion and review  
 [12/17 -- FINAL EXAMINATION, 9 a.m., Tsai Center]

GRADING:

Final grades will be determined as follows:

Midterm exam:	10%	Seminar Papers	50%
		(over the course of the semester)	
Final exam:	25%	Seminar Participation	15%

Exams (covering material in lectures, seminars and readings) will be divided into short answer, short essay and long essay sections. All Core students take the same exams.

Seminar Papers: Writing assignments this semester will be of two sorts: regular one-page papers and three longer (3-4 page) essays. Topics will be handed out in advance; the due dates for each are noted above.

All papers are due at the beginning of class. No late papers will be accepted. It is a good idea to keep a back-up copy (hard or soft) of each paper you write.

Seminar Participation: Classroom discussion is not a secondary activity, but the heart of what we do in Core--examining questions, testing opinions and learning from each other. Active participation means coming to every class prepared (reading the assigned reading and being ready to answer questions if called upon), listening carefully to fellow students and furthering the discussion.

Attendance at all seminar meetings and at lectures is required.

STATEMENT CONCERNING PLAGIARISM:

Plagiarism is defined in the Academic Conduct Code as an "attempt by a student to represent the work of another as his or her own. This includes copying the answers of another student on an examination or copying or substantially restating the work of another person or persons in any oral or written work without citing the appropriate source, and collaborating with someone else in an academic endeavor without acknowledging his or her contribution."

If you are unsure what this means, please consult the Code or ask before you make use of a quotation or a paraphrase.