

CC 102: The Ancient World (Spring 2004)

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Core Humanities is a four-semester sequence of courses that study some of the finest and most influential works of literature, philosophy, religion, and the arts. One of the key themes in the second semester of Core Humanities is the Way--how to find a proper path through life.

Grades will be determined by your seminar professor according to the university's regular grading system (A = 4.0, A- = 3.7, and so forth). Final grades will be based on a combination of written work, examinations, and class participation, in the following proportions:

Midterm exam	10%	Seminar papers	50%
Final Exam	25%	Seminar attendance and participation	15%

Examinations: The mid-term examination will be written by your seminar instructor and will be given in a regular seminar during the week of February 23-27. The Final Examination will be set by the faculty as a whole and given on Tuesday, May 4 at 9:00 a.m. Examinations will be based on the lectures, seminars, and readings. They will include objective, short essay, and long essay questions. Note that exam dates and times are firm commitments and cannot be changed.

Writing is an essential component of the Core Curriculum and is coordinated closely with the Boston University Writing Program. Students who successfully complete both semesters of the first-year Core Humanities (CC 101 and 102) receive credit for WR 100. Students who successfully complete both semesters of the second-year Core Humanities (CC 201 and 202) receive credit for WR 150.

Each seminar will require approximately 20 pages of writing over the course of the semester. Three assignments will be common to all seminars: a summary and commentary paper (2 pages), and a thesis-driven paper with an argument analyzing a single work (4-5 pages), and a paper comparing to different texts (4-5 pages). The remainder of the writing assignments will be developed by individual seminar leaders.

The Core Writing Center is available for help throughout the semester. Writing Tutors are graduate and undergraduate students who have been trained in grammar and compositional skills and are familiar with the works read in the Core. To make an appointment with a tutor, stop by the Core Office (CAS 119) or call 353-5404. The tutors' office is found in the Core Office.

Academic Conduct: All members of Boston University are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity. We have the same expectations of each other in this course. Seminar leaders take the issue of plagiarism seriously and expect all the work you do in this course to be your own. If you have any questions about what constitutes plagiarism and how it differs from the appropriate use of other people's work, consult the *Academic Conduct Code* or your instructor.

Required Texts are available at the Boston University Bookstore:

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, trans. Ostwald
Confucius, *Analects*, trans. Waley
Lao-Tzu, *Tao Te Ching*, trans. Addiss and Lombardo
The Bhagavad Gita, trans. Barbara Stoler Miller
Epictetus, *The Encheiridion*, trans. White
Vergil, *The Aeneid*, trans. Fitzgerald
The Harper Study Bible
Dante, *The Divine Comedy*, trans. Mandelbaum

Schedule of Lectures and Examinations (Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00, Tsai Performance Center)

Week 1 (January 13) Aristotle I
Lecturer: Professor Roochnik

Week 2 (January 20) Aristotle II
Lecturer: Professor Jorgensen

Week 3 (January 27) Aristotle III
Lecturer: Professor Oxenberg

Week 4 (February 3) Confucius
Lecturer: Professor Wei-ming Tu (Harvard University)

Week 5 (February 10) *The Bhagavad Gita*
Lecturer: Professor Eckel

Monday, February 16, Presidents' Day Holiday
Tuesday, February 17, Monday's class schedule

Week 6 (February 24) Taoism
Lecturer: Professor Eckel

Week 8 (March 2) *The Aeneid*
Lecturer: Professor Samons

March 6 - 14: Spring Vacation

Week 9 (March 16) *The Aeneid*
Lecturer: Professor Pat Johnson

Week 10 (March 23) *The Gospel of Matthew*
Lecturer: Professor Klepper

Week 11 (March 30) *The Gospel of John*
Lecturer: Professor Wildman

Week 12 (April 6) Dante's *Inferno*
Lecturer: Professor James Johnson

Week 13 (April 13) Dante's *Purgatorio*
Lecturer: Professor Hawkins

Week 14 (April 20) Dante's *Paradiso*
Lecturer: Professor Costa

Week 16 (April 27) Semester review
Lecturers: The Core Professors

Final Examination: Tuesday, May 4, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Tsai Auditorium

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