LS 151L.02: Introduction to the Humanities

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INTRODUCTION TO THE HUMANITIES

LS 151.02TR: 9:40-11
JRH 202; 4 credits

Fall 2006 syllabus
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Hours: T: 11-12; F: 10-11:30
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Course Description: An introduction to the Western Humanities through a study of selected texts from the Jewish scriptures/"Old Testament," classical Greek literature, Christian scriptures/"New Testament" and early Christian literature. The course will seek to develop a critical appreciation for the texts and their historical contexts. Topics will include: conceptions of the self, community and the divine; the nature of the good life; conceptions of good and evil; and interpretations of the heroic. It will also emphasize your relation to the texts--their significance for you.

I. Required Texts: New Oxford Annotated Bible (NRSV)
   The Odyssey, Fitzgerald
   Greek Lyrics, Miller
   The Oedipus Cycle, Fitts & Fitzgerald
   Three Plays of Euripides, Roche
   Five Dialogues of Plato, Grube
   Confessions of St. Augustine, Warner

II. Plenary Lecture Series is the 4th credit: Thursdays 11:10-12 in ULH 101. They are listed at the end of this syllabus. These lectures are repeated each Thursday from 7:10-8PM in SS 352.

III. Reading Assignments:
8/28 none--Introduction to course
8/30 Oxford Bible, pp. 3-10; Genesis, Chaps. 1-4, 6-9.
9/5 Genesis, 11-21.
9/7 Genesis, 22-35.
9/12 Bible, pp. 82-84; Exodus, Chaps. 1-4, 11-15, 19-24, 32.
9/14 Bible, pp. 1278-1279; Hosea, all; pp. 1302-1303, Amos, all.
9/19 Bible, pp. 726-727; Job, Chaps. 1-16.
9/21 Job, 29-30, 38-42.
9/26 The Odyssey, Books 1-4.
9/28 Odyssey, 5-10.
10/3 Odyssey, 11-14.
10/5 Odyssey, 15-18.
10/10 Odyssey, 19-24.
10/12 Greek Lyric, Intro.; pp. 1-19
10/17 Greek Lyric, pp. 51-76, 107-111.
10/19 Oedipus Cycle, Antigone, all.
10/24 Three Plays of Euripides, pp. vii-ix; Medea, all.
10/26 Five Dialogues of Plato, pp. 3-4; Euthyphro, all.
10/31 Plato, Apology, all.
11/2 Plato, Crito, all.
11/7 Election Day--Holiday
11/9 Bible, New Testament, pp. 3-6, pp. 56-57, Mark, all.
11/16 Bible, New Testament, pp. 240-243; Romans, all.
11/23 Thanksgiving vacation.
11/28 The Confessions of St. Augustine, Intro. and Books 1, 2, and 3, sections 1-7.
11/30 Confessions, Books 4; 5, section 10; 6, sections 5, 6, 8, 15; 7, sections 5, 12 and 17; 8.
IV. Written Assignments:
1. Quizzes on the plenary lectures and the weekly readings at the beginning of the following Tuesday class.
2. A four to five page essay on a topic comparing the Old Testament to The Odyssey, due Oct. 12.
3. A revision of that essay along with the original and an extension of topic to another text. Due Nov. 9.

V. Grading:
1. Final grades will be based on the four assignments above, as well as attendance and participation, according to the following percentages: Quizzes-20%; essays (original and revision)-40%; final exam-30%; attendance/participation-10%.
2. Excessive absences-more than three-and/or persistent tardiness will lower your grade.
3. For those taking the “CR/NCR” option, a D- or above will be equivalent to a “CR”.
4. This course will use the +/- grading system.

VI. Plagiarism:
Plagiarism is a serious violation of academic integrity. Please review the University’s plagiarism definition and policy on page 22 of the University Catalog: “Students who plagiarize may fail the course and may be remanded to Academic Court for possible suspension or expulsion.” If you have any doubts about this matter, please consult me.

Drop Deadline: Sept. 18 (with refund); Oct. 9 (without refund).

LS 151 Plenary Lecture Series – Fall 2006

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