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INTRODUCTION TO THE HUMANITIES

FALL 2008

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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 and Christian scriptures/ "New Testament." 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.

Required Texts: New Oxford Annotated Bible (NRSV)

The Odyssey, Fitzgerald
The Oedipus Cycle, Fitts & Fitzgerald
Three Plays of Euripides, Roche
Five Dialogues of Plato, Grube
Greek Lyrics, Miller
Confessions of St. Augustine, Warner

Reading Assignments:

8/26 None– Introduction to Course
8/28 Oxford Bible, pp. 3–10; Genesis, Chaps. 1- 4, 6- 9.
9/2 Genesis, 11-21.
9/4 Genesis, 22-35; pp. 82-84; Exodus, 1-4, 11-15.
9/9 No class to attend African-American Anniversary Celebration
9/11 Exodus, 19-24,32; pp.1278-1279; Hosea, all; pp. 1302-1303, Amos, all.
9/16 Bible, pp. 726-727; Job, 1-16.
9/18 Job, 29-30,38-42.
9/23 The Odyssey, Books 1-4.
9/25 Odyssey, 5-10.
9/30 Odyssey, 11-14.
10/2 Odyssey, 15-18.
10/7 Odyssey, 19-24.
10/9 Greek Lyrics, Intro.; pp. 1-19.
10/14 Greek Lyrics, pp. 51-76, 107-111.
10/16 Oedipus Cycle, Antigone, all.
10/22 Three Plays of Euripides, pp. vii-ix; Medea, all.
10/23 Five Dialogues of Plato, pp. 3-4; Euthyphro,all.
10/28 Plato, Apology, all.
10/30 Plato, Crito, all; Bible, New Testament, pp.3-6, 56-57; Mark, all.

11/4 No class—Election Day
11/6 Matthew, 5-7, 10, 19-20; Luke, 10:24-37; 14: 12-24; 15:11-32.
11/11 No class—Veterans Day
11/13 Bible, pp. 240-243; Romans, all.
11/18 Confessions of St. Augustine, Intro. and Books 1,2,all ; 3, sections 1-7.
11/20 No class--Thanksgiving Vacation
11/25 Confessions, Book 4,all;Book 5: sec,10; Bk.6: secs.5,6,8,15;Bk. 7: 5,12,17.
11/27 Confessions, Book 8: secs.5, 12; Bk. 9: 1, 12; Bk.10: 8,17,28,30,31,35,40.
12/2 Review of Confessions
12/4 Review of course and evaluations.

Written Assignments: 1. Quizzes on the weekly plenary lecture on the following Tuesday.
2. A four to five page printed essay on a topic comparing The Odyssey to The Old Testament, due Oct. 14th.
3. A revision of this essay along with the original, due Oct. 30th.
4. A final comprehensive exam, Thursday, Dec. 11th, 10:10-12:10, LA338.
No changes allowed.

Grading: 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%.

Excessive absences (more than two) and/or persistent tardiness will lower your grade
For those taking the “CR/NCR” option, a D- or above will be the equivalent of a “CR”.
This course will use the +/- grading system.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is a serious violation of academic integrity. Please review the University’s 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. 15th with refund; Oct. 6th with no refund.