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LS 151.80: Introduction to Western Humanities - Honors

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I. Required Texts:

- New Oxford Annotated Bible (NRSV)
- The Odyssey
- Sappho
- Greek Tragedies
- Five Dialogues of Plato
- Confessions of St. Augustine
- FacPac

II. Plenary Lectures: Thursdays, 11:00-12:00 in ULH, or 7:00-8:00 p.m. in SS 356.
   (See FacPac for information on speakers, lecture titles, and specific dates.)

III. Reading Assignments:

9/5 None--Introduction to the Course.
9/7 FacPac, pp. 1, 4-20; Genesis, p. 1 chapters 1-3.
9/12 Genesis, Chapters 4-11.
9/14 FacPac, pp. 21-28; The Odyssey, Books 1-4.
9/19 Odyssey, books 5-8.
9/21 Odyssey, books 9-12.
9/26 Odyssey, books 13-16.
9/28 Odyssey, books 17-20; FacPac, pp. 29-32, 47-48.
10/3 Odyssey, books 21-24.
10/5 Sappho, all; Fac-Pac, pp. 55-58.
10/12 Genesis, chapters 25-35.
10/17 Exodus, p. 69; chapters 1-4, 11-15, 19-24, 32.
10/19 Deuteronomy, chapters 29-30; I Samuel, chapters 4-8; Amos, all.
10/24 Hosea, all.
10/26 Job, pp. 623-625, chapters 1-10.
10/31 Job, chapters 11-19, 29-30, 38-42.
11/2 Greek Tragedies, pp. 108-109; Oedipus the King, all.
11/7 Holiday: Election Day
11/9 FacPac, pp. 71-79; Greek Tragedies, Hippolytus, all.
11/14 Reread the Euripides plays.
11/21 FacPac, pp. 80-82, 141-158, 159-161.
11/23 Holiday: Thanksgiving
11/28 Five Dialogues of Plato: Introduction and Euthyphro, all.
11/30 Five Dialogues of Plato: Apology, all; Crito, all.
12/5 "New Testament", pp. iii-x, Mark, all.
12/7 Matthew, chapter 5; Luke, chapters 10:25-37, 14:12-24, 15:11-32; Romans, chapters 3-8.
12/12 The Confessions: Introduction, books 1 & 2; Book 3, chapters 1-7; Book 4, all.
12/14 The Confessions: Book 5, chapter 10; Book 6, chapters 5, 6, 8, 15; Book 7, chapters 5, 12, 17;
   Book 8, chapters 5, 12; Book 8, chapters 1, 12; Book 9, chapters 1, 12; Book 10, chapters 1-8,
   17, 28, 30, 31, 35, 40.
IV. Written Assignments:
1. Write summaries of 10 of the plenary lectures. Each lecture summary must include main themes and significant supporting points, and must be approximately one typed/printed page or equivalent. **Summaries are due the Tuesday after each lecture.**

2. A 4-5 page essay on a topic from *The Odyssey*, due Thursday, October 5. (Topics to be discussed.)

3. A revision of the above-mentioned essay, due Thursday, October 19.

4. A 3-4 page essay on a topic from the Jewish scriptures, due Thursday, November 2.

V. Final Comprehensive Exam: Thursday, December 21, 10:10-12:10. **NO CHANGES.**

VI. Grading:
1. Final grades will be based on the 5 major assignments listed above, as well as attendance and participation, according to the following percentages: Summaries, 20%; Odyssey essay and revision, 30%; second essay, 20%; Final exam, 20%; attendance/participation, 10%.

2. Excessive absences--more than 2--and/or persistent tardiness may lower your final grade.

3. For any students taking a “P/NP” option, a borderline “C” will be required for a grade of “P”.

4. Extra credit may be earned for video reviews.

5. Drop deadline: October 16.