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Texts

Sappho, translated Mary Barnard (Berkeley: U of Cal. Press, 1958)
Sophocles The Oedipus Cycle, translated Dudley Fitts & Robert Fitzgerald
Euripides Medea, translated Rex Warner (Dover Thrift Edition)
Ovid The Metamorphoses trans. Mary Innes

The Bible (Authorized King James’ Version with Apocrypha) ed. Robert Carroll and
Stephen Prickett (Oxford World’s Classics 1997)

St Augustine, The Confessions

Facpac

Requirements

Students are required to
(a) attend classes and plenary lectures regularly. Excessive unexplained absences (more
than two) will result in a zero for attendance and class participation;
(b) keep up with the assigned reading, bring the text to class, do assignments, and take all
quizzes and tests.

Quizzes and short tests on texts and plenary lectures will be given in class.

Grades

Class attendance will be worth 20%, quizzes and other assignments 30%, and the two tests
50% of the grade.
If you miss a quiz or test, it can be made up later with my permission, but except in the
case of proven emergency, such late taking of tests will result in a decreased grade.
If you have any condition, such as a physical or learning disability, that will make it
difficult for you to complete the work as I have outlined it, please notify me in the first
week of class.
Plenary Lecture Schedule

Lectures are given every Thursday at 11:10 a.m. in the Urey Lecture Hall and repeated at 7:10 p.m. in Social Sciences 352. The plenary lecture schedule is on page 1 of the facpac. Attendance at plenary lectures accounts for the fourth credit and you will be tested on these lectures. If you miss a lecture, you can listen to it on audiotape from the Instructional Media Services in the Social Science building.

Reading Schedule

This schedule is tentative. It is the student’s responsibility to keep up with any changes announced in class.

September 5  Introduction to the course and to the Bible
September 7  Read Genesis, 1-5.
September 12 Read Genesis 20-35.
September 14 Read Genesis 37-50.
September 19 Read Job 1-3, 38-42.
September 21 Read Ruth; Susanna. Quiz on Ruth and Susanna.
September 24 Read Isaiah 11; Psalm 44; Ecclesiastes 3-4.
September 26 Read Judith 4, 7, 10-end. Quiz on Judith.
September 28 Read Ecclesiasticus 24; Proverbs 7, 31; Song of Solomon 7 and 8.
October 1 Read The Odyssey, I-V.
October 3 Read The Odyssey, VI-XII. Quiz on The Odyssey I-XII.
October 5 Read The Odyssey, XIII-XVIII.
October 8 Read The Odyssey, XIX to end. Quiz on The Odyssey XIII-end.
October 10 Read Sappho, 1 to 61.
October 12 Read Sappho, 62 to end. Write short response to a Sappho poem in class.
October 15 Read Oedipus Rex (entire).
October 17 Oedipus Rex (continues) Quiz on Oedipus Rex
October 19  Read Antigone (entire)
October 22  Antigone (continues). Quiz on Antigone
October 24  Read Medea (entire)
October 26  Medea (continues). Quiz on Medea.
October 29  Mid-term test
October 31  Read Plato, The Symposium, pages 1-22
November 5  Read Aristotle, Facpac pages 79-86.
November 7  Read Aristotle, Facpac pages 87-95. Quiz on Aristotle.
November 9  Read Virgil, facpac 124-125.
November 12 Veterans’ Day Holiday
November 14 Ovid, Metamorphoses, page 41 second paragraph to page 43; 50-59.
November 16 Ovid, Metamorphoses, 74-93.
November 19 Ovid, Metamorphoses, 101-104; 146-152; 195 last paragraph to 198; 225-232. Write short response to a Metamorphosis story in class.

Thanksgiving Break
December 3 Read Romans 1-11
December 5 St Augustine, The Confessions, Book I, II, Book III, chapters 1, 2, 11, 12.
December 7 St Augustine, The Confessions, IV, Book V chapter 8, 9; Book VI, chapter 2, 12, 13, 14, 15; Book VII, chapters 12-17; Book VIII, chapters 6-8, 11-12; Book IX, chapters 8-13.
December 10 Book XII, chapters 25-28; 31.
December 12 Medieval Poets, Facpac, 149-151.
December 14 Test and Conclusion