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## LS 151L.85: Introduction to the Humanities

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**INTRODUCTION TO THE HUMANITIES  
FALL 2001 SYLLABUS**

LS 151.85L--East/West FIG  
MWF 10:10-11:00  
DHC 120  
4 credits

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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 and Roman antiquity, Christian scriptures/"New Testament" and early Christian literature. The course will seek to develop a critical appreciation for the texts and their historical content. Topics will include: Conceptions of self, community, and the divine; nature of the good life; conceptions of good and evil; interpretations of the heroic; different aspects of love and temporality. It will also emphasize your relation to the texts--their significance for you.

**I. REQUIRED TEXTS**

New Oxford Annotated Bible (NRSV)  
The Odyssey, Fitzgerald  
Sappho, Barnard  
The Oedipus Cycle, Fitts & Fitzgerald  
Three Plays of Euripides, Roche  
Five Dialogues of Plato, Grube  
Confessions of St. Augustine, Warner

**II. PLENARY LECTURE SERIES**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Lecture</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
1. September 5	Introduction to Course/ Genesis	Paul Dietrich, Liberal Studies
2. September 12	Law and the Prophets	Jean Larson, Campus Ministry
3. September 19	Job and Wisdom	James Scott, Foreign Languages
4. September 26	Introduction to Greek Civilization	Hayden Ausland, FLL
5. October 3	Hero and Antihero in Homer	Stewart Justman, English
6. October 10	Greek Lyric	Linda Gillison, FLL
7. October 17	Greek Drama	Rina Quartarone, FLL
8. October 24	Plato and Greek Philosophy	Hayden Ausland, FLL
9. October 31	Ancient Theology and Science	Rina Quartarone, FLL
10. November 7	Roman History Overview	Linda Gillison, FLL
11. November 14	The Gospels	Tom Lee, Liberal Studies
12. November 21	The Letters of Paul (Romans)	Bruce Bigley, English
13. November 28	Thanksgiving Holiday	
14. December 5	Augustine's <u>Confessions</u>	Paul Dietrich, Liberal Studies
15. December 12	Roman and Early Christian Art	Margaret Mudd, Art History

Lectures are given at 11:10 -12:00 in ULH (Urey Lecture Hall) and repeated at 7:10-8:00 p.m. in SS (Social Sciences) 352

**III. READING ASSIGNMENTS**

9/4	None--Introduction to the course.
9/6	<u>Oxford Bible</u> , p. 3-10; Genesis, Chapters 1-3.
9/9	Genesis, chapters 4, 6-9, 11-21.
9/11	Genesis, chapters 22-35.
9/13	<u>Bible</u> , pp. 82-84, Exodus, chapters 1-4, 11-15, 19-24, 32.
9/16	<u>Bible</u> , pp. 1278-79, Hosea, all.
9/18	<u>Bible</u> , pp. 726-727; Job, chapters 1-10.
9/20	Job, chapters 11-16, 29-30, 38-42.
9/23	<u>The Odyssey</u> , Books 1-4.
9/25	<u>Odyssey</u> , Books 5-8.

9/27	<u>Odyssey</u> , Books 9-12.
9/30	<u>Odyssey</u> , Books 13-16.
10/2	<u>Odyssey</u> , Books 17-20.
10/4	<u>Odyssey</u> , Books 21-24.
10/7	<u>Sappho</u> , all.
10/9	<u>Sappho</u>
10/11	<u>The Oedipus Cycle</u> , <u>Oedipus Rex</u> , pp. 3-47.
10/14	<u>Oedipus</u> , pp. 47-81.
10/16	<u>Three Plays of Euripides</u> , pp. vii-ix; <u>Medea</u> , pp. 33-52.
10/18	<u>Medea</u> , pp. 53-77.
10/21	<u>Five Dialogues of Plato</u> , pp. 3-4; <u>Euthyphro</u> , all.
10/23	<u>Five Dialogues</u> , <u>Apology</u> , all
10/25	<u>Five Dialogues</u> , <u>Crito</u> , all.
10/28	Plato, Review
10/30	None, <u>Iphigenia</u> , video.
11/1	None, <u>Iphigenia</u> , video.
11/4	Mid-term Review.
11/6	Mid-term Exam.
11/8	<u>Bible</u> , "New Testament" pp. 3-6; Mark, chapters 1-10.
11/11	Holiday--Veteran's Day.
11/13	Mark, chapters 11-16; Matthew, chapter 5.
11/15	Luke, chapter 10:25-37, 14:12-24, 15:11-32.
11/18	<u>Bible</u> , pp. 240-243; <u>Romans</u> , chapters 1-8.
11/20	<u>Romans</u> , Chapters 9-16.
11/22	Review, <u>Romans</u>
11/25	Review, <u>New Testament</u> .
11/27	Travel Day.
11/29	Thanksgiving Holiday.
12/2	<u>The Confessions of St. Augustine</u> , Introduction & Books 1 & 2.
12/4	<u>Confessions</u> , Book 3, sections 1-7; Book 4, all.
12/6	<u>Confessions</u> , Book 5, section 10; Book 6, sections 5, 6, 8, 15; Book 7, sections 5, 12, 17; Book 8, sections 5, 12; Book 9, sections 1, 12.
12/9	<u>Confessions</u> , Book 10, sections 1-8, 17, 28, 30, 31, 35, 40.
12/11	Comprehensive Review.
12/13	Review, continued; course evaluation.

#### IV. WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

1. Summaries/responses to 7 of the plenary lectures; discuss main themes and significant supporting points. Length: one (1) typed/printed page or equivalent. Due the Monday after lecture is given.
2. Four to five page essay on a comparative topic from Jewish scriptures (Old Testament) and The Odyssey. Due Friday, October 11.
3. A revision of this essay (assignment 2). Due Friday, Nov. 15, along with your original essay.
4. A mid-term exam, Nov. 4.

#### V. FINAL COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 8:00-10:00 AM, DHC 120. 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 following percentages: Summaries 20%, Original essay 15%, Revision 25%, Final Exam 20%, mid-term exam 10%, attendance/participation 10%.
2. Excessive absences--more than 3 and/or persistent tardiness will lower your grade.
3. For those taking the "P/NP" option, a borderline 'C' will be required for a passing grade.
4. Drop Deadlines: September 23 (with refund); October 14 (without refund).