

Humanities 124
Core Syllabus
Spring 2009

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*The Core Syllabus contains the essential lecture and reading schedule. Individual instructors reserve the right to make additions to the Core Syllabus. Please consult your instructor's Class Syllabus for policies, grading scale, paper assignments and test schedule.

Texts (These specific titles and editions are available at the UNCA Bookstore): Fiero, ed.
Fiero, ed., The Humanistic Tradition, 5th edition, Vol 1
Hook, Moseley, Peters, eds., The Asheville Reader, Vol 1
Miller, ed., The Bhagavad-Gita
Weller, ed., Plato, The Trial and Death of Socrates
Kovacs, ed., The Epic of Gilgamesh
Fagels, ed., The Iliad
Clay, The Trojan Women
Virgil, The Aeneid

(Week 1, begins Wed. Jan. 14)

Readings: Fiero 1-17, 36-45, **Epic of Gilgamesh**, The Asheville Reader (**AR**): "Reading a Primary Text from Antiquity", "Essay on Translation" (appendices), Hammurabi

(Week 2, begins Jan. 19)

No lecture: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Readings: Continue epic of **Gilgamesh**, other Mesopotamian literature

(Week 3, begins Jan. 26)

Egypt (Dr. Hopes)

Fiero 19-35; **AR**: Sinuhe, Love Poems, Instruction of Amenemope

(Week 4, begins Feb. 2)

China (Dr. Hardy)

Readings: Fiero 61-65, 158-170; **AR**: Confucius, Laozi, The Book of Songs, Han Feizi

(Week 5, begins Feb. 9)

India (Dr. Ho)

Readings: Fiero 58-61; **Bhagavad Gita**

(Week 6, begins Feb. 16)

Buddhism (Dr. Falls)

Readings: **AR**: Selected Buddhist Texts (all); begin reading **Iliad**

(Week 7, begins Feb. 23)

The Iliad and Warfare (Dr. Hardy)
Readings: **Iliad**; Fiero vol. I 67-73, 76-77

(Week 8, begins Mar. 2)
Greek City-States and Greek Tragedy (Dr. Mills)
Fiero 78-93; **The Trojan Women**; **AR**: Lyric Poetry (all); Herodotus (excerpt on 297-321),
Thucydides

(Week 9, begins Mar. 9)
Spring Break: No Lecture

(Week 10, begins Mar. 16)
Ancient Philosophy (Dr. Hook)
Readings: Fiero 94-105; Plato's "Apology of Socrates" from **Trial and Death of Socrates**;
AR: Pre-Socratic Philosophers, Aristotle
(March 27: Undergraduate Research Symposium Day-No Classes)

(Week 11, begins Mar. 23)
Persia, Zoroastrianism and Alexander the Great (Dr. Hopes)
Readings: Fiero 56-57, 122-128; **AR**: Plutarch, Zarathustra, Epicurus, Cleanthes,
Epictetus

(Week 12, begins Mar. 30)
Second Temple Judaism (Dr. Kaplan)
Readings: Fiero 46-57; **AR**: Judges, Maccabees, Josephus

(Week 13, begins Apr. 6)
Rome, Republic to Empire (Dr. Hook)
Republic Readings: Fiero 129-143; **AR**: Livy (excerpts on 447-455, 468-481), Polybius;
Empire Readings: **AR**: Augustus, Tacitus; **Aeneid**

(Week 14, begins Apr. 13)
Early Christianity (Dr. Moseley)
Readings: **AR**: Dead Sea Scrolls, Matthew, Acts, 1 Corinthians;
Diary of Perpetua at www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/perpetua-excerpt.html

(Week 15, begins Apr. 20)
Gender and Sexuality in Antiquity (Prof. Driggers)
Readings: **AR**: Gorgias, Musonius Rufus; Sappho, poems 1, 4, and 8, as well as the Shorter
Fragments, found at <http://www.stoa.org/diotima/anthology/rayor.shtml>.

(Week 16, Apr. 27)
Art of the Classical World (Dr. McClain); Fiero 106-122, 143-157

(Week 17, May 4)
No lecture, meet in sections