

Humanities 124
Core Syllabus
Fall 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 Mon. Aug. 17)

Lecture: Intro to HUM/Mesopotamia (Dr. Moseley)

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 Aug. 24)

Egypt (Dr. Hopes)

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

(Week 3, begins Aug. 31)

China (Dr. Hardy)

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

(Week 4, begins Sept. 7)

Labor Day: No Lecture

Readings: Continue with Chinese readings (e.g. *Tao Te Ching*); begin **Bhagavad Gita**

(Week 5, begins Sept. 14)

India and Hinduism (Dr. Maitra)

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

(Week 6, begins Sept. 21)

Buddhism and Jainism (Dr. Payne)

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

(Week 7, begins Sept. 28)

Heroic and Archaic Greece (Dr. Hardy)
Readings: **Iliad**; Fiero vol. 67-73, 76-77

(Week 8, begins Oct. 5)
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 Oct. 12)
Fall Break: No Lecture

(Week 10, begins Oct. 19)
Art of the Classical World (Dr. McClain); Fiero 106-122, 143-157

(Week 11, begins Oct. 26)
Ancient Philosophy (Dr. Hook)
Readings: Fiero 94-105; Plato's "Apology of Socrates" from **Trial and Death of Socrates**;
AR: Pre-Socratic Philosophers, Aristotle

(Week 12, begins Nov. 2)
Persia, Zoroastrianism and Alexander the Great (Dr. Hopes)
Readings: Fiero 56-57, 122-128; **AR**: Plutarch, Zarathustra, Epicurus, Cleanthes,
Epictetus

(Week 13, begins Nov. 9)
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 Nov. 16)
Judaism (Dr. Kaplan)
Readings: Fiero 46-57; **AR**: Judges, Maccabees, Josephus

(Week 15, begins Nov. 23—Thanksgiving week)
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, begins Nov. 30)
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

Classes end Friday, Dec. 4