

Hum 1114: INTRODUCTORY HUMANITIES: THE CLASSICAL AGE

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Prerequisite: There is no formal prerequisite for this course, but it is essential that students be interested, able, and willing to read and discuss rather difficult material.

Course Description: We will study the social, cultural, and intellectual life of ancient Greece (especially the Classical Age in Athens—500 B.C. to 323 B.C.). We will try to understand Athenian moral, political, and aesthetic values in their historical context, and in comparison with our own.

Course Requirements: Regular reading, attendance, and participation in class is expected and will be assessed as 10% of the final grade. A quiz (on 2/6) worth 10%, a mid-term (on 3/1) worth 20%, and a final exam (on 5/10) worth 30%. Two papers, 4-5 pages each, on announced topics, the first (due on 3/20) worth 10%, and the second (due on 4/12) worth 20%.

Texts: Homer, *The Iliad*, trans. S. Lombardo, Hackett Publishing Co.
H.D.F. Kitto, *The Greeks*, Penguin (=K)
John Boardman, *Greek Art*, (4th edition, 1996) (=B)
Greek Tragedies, vol. 1, eds., D. Grene and R. Lattimore (2nd edition) (=G&L)
The Trials of Socrates, ed. C. Reeve, Hackett
Plato, *The Symposium*, trans. P. Woodruff & A. Nehamas, Hackett
Euripides, *Bacchae*, trans. P. Woodruff, Hackett
Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, trans. J. Sachs, Focus Publishing

Syllabus:

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| 1/18 | Introduction
(Maps in front of Boardman and Kitto books) |
| 1/23 | The Bronze Age & Homer
Read: Homer, Book 1; K Ch. 1 & pp. mid16-28 of Ch. 2; and
B pp. 29-34. |
| 1/25 | Read: Homer, Bks 2, 3, 4 (lines 1-255), 6, & 9; and K Ch. 3. |
| 1/30 | Read: Homer, Bks 14, 16, 17 (lines 1-195) & 18 (lines 1-503);
and K Ch. 4. |
| 2/1 | Read: Homer, Bks 22 & 24; and K Ch. 11. |
| * 2/6 | MID-TERM QUIZ
No new reading |
| 2/8 | Art: Vase Painting
Read: B pp. 35-42, 54-65, 100-123, & 192-215. |
| 2/13 | No new reading |

- 2/15 Athenian Politics and History
Read: K Chs. 5, 7, 8 & 9.
- 2/20 Tragedy
Read: Aeschylus, "Agamemnon" in Grene & Lattimore
- 2/22 Read: Sophocles, "Oedipus Rex" in G&L; and K Ch. 10
- 2/27 Read: Sophocles, "Antigone" in G&L
- * 3/1 MID-TERM TEST
- *** SPRING BREAK *****
- 3/13 Art: Architecture
Read: B pp. 10, 76-83, 134-157, 164-172
- 3/15 No new reading
- * 3/20 PAPER DUE; Aristophanes film in class: "Women in Power"
No new reading
- 3/22 Socrates
Read: Aristophanes, "The Clouds" (pp. 84-176 in Reeve)
- 3/27 Read: "Introduction" & Plato, "Euthyphro" (pp. vii-x & 1-25 in Reeve)
- 3/29 Read: Plato, "The Apology of Socrates" & Xenophon, "Socrates' Defense to the Jury" (pp. 26-61 & 177-184 in Reeve)
- 4/3 Read: Plato, "Crito" & "Phaedo—Death Scene" (pp. 62-83 in Reeve)
- 4/5 Read: Plato, "Symposium" (in Nehamas & Woodruff)
- 4/10 Art: Sculpture
Read: B front cover, pp. 2, 15, 69-75, 83-99, 124-133, 157-168, & 172-177
- * 4/12 PAPER DUE; Sculpture lecture in class
No new reading
- 4/17 Euripides
Read: Euripides, "Bacchae" in Woodruff
- 4/19 Aristotle
Read: Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics, pp. 1-5, mid9-21, & mid196-197
- 4/24 Read: Aristotle, NE, pp. 21-mid36, & 48-78.
- 4/26 Read: Aristotle, NE, pp. mid118-136, & 190-200.
- 5/1 Hellenistic Age
Read: B pp. 216-240 & 247-257
- 5/3 Review
- * 5/10 FINAL EXAM (Wednesday) 10:05am-12:05