

**DIRECTED STUDIES: LITERATURE
FALL 2024**

Lectures: W 11:35am-12:25pm

Books:

- *Gilgamesh*, Stanley Lombardo, trans. (Hackett 2019)
- Homer, *Iliad*, Robert Fagles, trans. (Penguin Classics, 1998)
- Homer, *Odyssey*, Robert Fagles, trans. (Penguin Classics, 1996)
- Sappho, *If Not, Winter: Fragments of Sappho*, Anne Carson, trans. (Vintage, 2003)
- *The New Oxford Annotated Bible, New Revised Standard Version* (Oxford University Press, 2018)
- Aeschylus, *Oresteia*, Alan Shapiro and Peter Burian, ed. and trans. (*The Complete Aeschylus*, Vol. 1, Oxford University Press, 2004)
- Euripides, *Bacchae*, Shapiro and Burian, ed., Reginald Gibbons and Charles Segal, trans. (in *The Complete Euripides*, Vol. 4, Oxford University Press, 2009)
- Sophocles, *Antigone*, in *The Complete Sophocles*, vol. 1 (Oxford University Press)
- Augustine, *The Confessions* (Oxford Classics)
- Ovid, *Metamorphoses*, David Raeburn, trans. (Penguin Classics, 2004)
- Virgil, *Aeneid*, Shadi Bartsch, trans. (Penguin, 2021)
- Dante, *The Divine Comedy of Dante Alighieri: Inferno, Purgatorio, and Paradiso* (3 vols.), Allen Mandelbaum, trans. (Bantam Classics, 1980, 1982, 1984)

Schedule of class meetings:

Week 1

**PLEASE NOTE: OUR CLASS MEETS ON FRIDAY INSTEAD OF WEDNESDAY
FIRST WEEK ONLY**

Wed, Aug 28: *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, Tablets I-V

FRIDAY, Aug 30: *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, Tablets VI-XI and Hebrew Bible

Week 2

PLEASE NOTE: NO CLASSES MEET ON LABOR DAY MON SEPT 2

Wed, Sept 4: Homer, *Iliad*, Books 1-8

Week 3

Mon, Sept 9: Homer, *Iliad*, Books 9-16
Wed, Sept 11: Homer, *Iliad*, Books 17-24

Week 4

Mon, Sept 16: Homer, *Odyssey*, Books 1-12
Wed, Sept 18: Homer, *Odyssey*, Books 13-18

Paper 1 due Fri, Sept 20 by 11 am

Week 5

Mon, Sept 23: Homer, *Odyssey*, Books 19-24
Wed, Sept 25: Sappho, selected fragments and poems

Week 6

Mon, Sept 30: Aeschylus, *Oresteia: Agamemnon*
Wed, Oct 2: Aeschylus, *Oresteia: The Libation Bearers, The Furies*

Week 7

Mon, Oct 7: Sophocles, *Antigone*
Wed, Oct 9: Euripides, *Bacchae*

Week 8 (Mon and Tues classes only this week; No classes Wed-Fri)

Mon, Oct 14: Virgil, *The Aeneid*, Books 1-3

--Fall Recess October 16-20--

Week 9

Mon, Oct 21: Virgil, *Aeneid*, Books 4-6
Wed, Oct 23: Virgil, *Aeneid*, Books 7-9

Paper 2 due Fri, Oct 25 by 11 am

Week 10

Mon, Oct 28: Virgil, *Aeneid*, Books 10-12
Wed, Oct 30: Ovid, *Metamorphoses*: Book 1; Book 9, pp. 372-379 (Iphis and Ianthe);
Book 10; Book 11, pp. 423-25 (death of Orpheus)

Week 11

Mon, Nov 4: Gospel of Matthew
Wed, Nov 6: Letter to the Romans

Week 12

Mon, Nov 11: Gospel of Thomas; Gospel of Judas (canvas)

Wed, Nov 13: Augustine, *Confessions* books 1, 2, and 6

Week 13

Mon, Nov 18: Augustine, *Confessions* books 7, 8, and 10

Wed, Nov 20: Dante, *Divine Comedy: Inferno*, Cantos 1-17

---Thanksgiving Recess: Sat, Nov 23–Sun, Dec 1---

Week 14

Mon, Dec 2: *Inferno*, Cantos 18-30

Wed, Dec 4: *Purgatorio* 1-2, 10-12, 21-33; *Paradiso* 1, 10-12, 30-33.

Paper 3 due Fri, Dec 6 by 11 am

Final Exam: tba

Grade breakdown: first essay (20%); second essay (20%); third essay (20%); weekly discussion posts (15%); final exam (15%) participation and attendance (10%)