

Directed Studies: Literature Fall 2020

Lectures

Weekly DS Literature lectures will be available to hear/view by Monday morning. Please listen to the Literature lecture **before** attending your first discussion seminar meeting of the week. Lectures will be available for no longer than one week.

Seminar Discussion Sections

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| 1. Kathryn Slanski & Samuel Hodgkin | MW 2:30–3:45 |
| 2. Katja Lindskog | TTh 9–10:15 |
| 3. David Quint | TTh 2:30–3:45 |
| 4. Irene Peirano & Pauline LeVen | MWTh 9:25–10:15 |
| 5. Ellen Handler Spitz | TTh 9–10:15 |
| 6. Jan Hagens | TTh 2:30–3:45 |
| 7. Benjamin Barasch | MW 2:30–3:45 |

Books

Your Directed Studies faculty **strongly advise** you to obtain the editions that we have selected. Having the same editions will mean—literally!—that during seminar you will be on the same page as your instructor and your classmates. Please order in whatever way is most convenient for you. While we are working with the library to make available to all students enrolled in DS electronic copies of the books, **we strongly recommend** that you obtain physical copies, which will help you participate fully in seminar and write your essays.

- Homer, *Iliad*, Robert Fagles, trans. (Penguin Classics, 1998)
- Homer, *Odyssey*, Emily Wilson, trans. (W.W. Norton, 2018)
- 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)
- Sophocles, *Antigone*, in Reginald Gibbons and Charles Segal, trans., *The Complete Sophocles*, Vol. 1, Alan Shapiro and Peter Burian, eds., Oxford University Press, 2009)
- Euripides, *Bacchae*, Shapiro and Burian, ed., Reginald Gibbons and Charles Segal, trans. (in *The Complete Euripides*, Vol. 4, Oxford University Press, 2009)
- Ovid, *Metamorphosis*, David Raeburn, trans. (Penguin Classics, 2004)
- Virgil, *Aeneid*, Robert Fitzgerald, trans. (Vintage Classics, 1990)
- Dante, *The Divine Comedy of Dante Alighieri: Inferno, Purgatorio, and Paradiso* (3 vols.), Allen Mandelbaum, trans. (Bantam Classics, 1980, 1982, 1984)

Schedule of Lectures, Reading assignments, and Seminar discussion sections

Week 1 (week beginning Monday, August 31.) DS lectures will be available Monday morning of each week. Please listen to/view the Lit lecture **before** your first discussion seminar. **You are to have completed reading the *Iliad* before classes begin.**

Discussions: Homer, *Iliad*

i.. (Monday, for MW seminars; Tuesday for TTh seminars): *Iliad* books 1-6

ii. (Wednesday, for MW seminars; Thursday for TTh seminars): *Iliad* 7–12

Lecture: *Iliad* (Professor Jane Levin)

Week 2 (of September 7)

Reading and discussions: Homer, *Iliad*

i. *Iliad* 13–18

ii. *Iliad* 19–24

Lecture: *Iliad* (Professor Egbert Bakker)

Week 3 (of September 14)

Reading and discussions: Homer, *Odyssey*

Lecture: *Odyssey* (Professor LeVen)

Week 4 (of September 21)

Reading and discussions: Homer, *Odyssey*

Lecture: *Odyssey* (Professor Ruth Yeazell)

Week 5 (of September 28)

Reading and discussions:

i) *Sappho*, lyric poems

ii) *Hebrew Bible: The Book of Genesis*

Lecture: *Sappho's* lyric poetry (Professor LeVen)

Week 6 (of October 5)

Reading and discussions:

i) *Hebrew Bible: The Book of Exodus*

ii) *Oresteia: Agamemnon*

Lecture: *The Hebrew Bible* (Professor Slanski)

Week 7 (of October 12)

Reading and seminars:

i) *Oresteia: Libation Bearers, Eumenides*

ii) Sophocles, *Antigone*

Lecture: *Oresteia* (tba)

Week 8 (of October 19)

Reading and seminar: Euripides, *Bacchae*

i) *Bacchae*

ii) <<Writers Workshop>>

Lecture): *Bacchae* (Professor Handler Spitz)

Week 9 (of October 26)

Reading and discussions: Virgil, *Aeneid* 1–6

Lecture: *Aeneid* (Professor Quint)

Week 10 (of November 2)

Reading and discussions: Virgil, *Aeneid* 7–12

Lecture: *Aeneid* (Professor Kirk Freudenberg)

Week 11 (of November 9)

Reading and discussions: Ovid, *Metamorphosis*: Books 1, Book 3, pp. 108-16 (Echo & Narcissus), Book 6, Book 10, Book 11, pp. 423-25 (Death of Orpheus); from the Romulus story at the end of Book 14 to end of Book 15

Lecture: Ovid's *Met* (Professor Peirano)

Week 12 (of November 16)

Reading and discussions: *The New Testament: Gospel of Matthew, Paul's Letter to the Romans*

Lecture: *Matthew, Romans* (Professor Laura Nasrallah)

November 21–29 Thanksgiving Recess

Week 13 (of November 30)

Reading and discussions: Dante, *Divine Comedy: Inferno* (entire); *Purgatorio*, Books 1–2, 9–12, 21–33; *Paradiso*, Books 31–33

Lectures: *Inferno* (Professor Quint); *Purgatorio, Paradiso* (Professor Peter Hawkins)

Final Exam: TBD