Directed Studies: Literature

Fall 2021

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

Discussion Seminars:

Pauline LeVen MW 9:00-10:15  
David Quint MW 2:30-3:45  
Kirk Freudenburg MW 1:00-2:15  
Ruth Yeazell TTH 1:00-2:15  
Kathryn Slanski TTH 9:00-10:15  
Marta Figlerowicz MW 1:00-2:15  
Ellen Handler Spitz MW 2:30-3:45  
Christiana Purdy Moudarres MW 1:00-2:15

Books:

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**Lectures and Reading Assignments:**

**Week 1 (week beginning Monday, August 30): Reading and discussions: Homer, *Iliad 1-12***

Sections:  
Wednesday Sept. 1 (discussion of *Iliad* 1-5)  
Friday Sept. 3 (discussion of *Iliad* 6-12) [this replaces the Monday section]

Lecture: Wednesday Sept. 1: *Iliad* 1-12 (Prof. Jane Levin)

**Week 2 (of September 6): Reading and discussions: Homer, *Iliad 13-24***

Sections:  
No Monday section [Labor Day]  
Wednesday Sept. 8 (discussion of *Iliad* 13-17)

Lecture: Wednesday Sept. 8: *Iliad* 13-24 (Prof. Egbert Bakker)

**Week 3 (of September 13): Reading and discussions: Homer, *Odyssey 1-6***

Sections:  
Monday Sept. 13 (discussion of *Odyssey* 18-24)  
Wednesday Sept. 15 (discussion of *Odyssey* 1-6)

Lecture: Wednesday Sept. 15: *Odyssey* 1-12 (Prof. Egbert Bakker)

**Week 4 (of September 20): Reading and discussions: Homer, *Odyssey 7-18***

Sections:  
Monday Sept. 20 (discussion of *Odyssey* 7-12)  
Wednesday Sept. 22 (discussion of *Odyssey* 13-18)

Lecture: Wednesday Sept. 22: *Odyssey* 13-24 (Prof. Ruth Yeazell)
Week 5 (of September 27): Reading and discussion: Homer, *Odyssey* 19-24 and Sappho

Sections: Monday Sept. 27 (discussion of *Odyssey* 19-24)
           Wednesday Sept. 29 (discussion of Sappho’s lyric poetry)

Lecture:  Wednesday Sept. 29: Sappho (Prof. Pauline LeVen)

Week 6 (of October 4): Reading and discussions: Hebrew Bible

Sections:  Monday Oct. 4th (discussion of Hebrew Bible: Genesis)
           Wednesday Oct. 6th (discussion of Hebrew Bible: Exodus selections TBD)

Lecture:  Wednesday Oct. 6th: Hebrew Bible (Prof. Kathryn Slanski)

Week 7 (of October 11): Reading and discussions: Aeschylus’ Oresteia

Sections:  Monday Oct. 11th (discussion of Aeschylus’ *Agamemnon*)
           Wednesday Oct. 13th (discussion of Aeschylus’ *Libation Bearers*)

Lecture:  Wednesday Oct. 13th: Aeschylus’ *Oresteia* (Prof. Christina Kraus)

Week 8 (of October 18): Reading and discussions: Aeschylus’ Oresteia

Sections:  Monday Oct. 18th (discussion of Aeschylus’ *Eumenides*)
           No Wednesday section

Lecture:  No lecture [October Recess]

October 19–24          October Recess

Week 9 (of October 25): Reading and discussions: Sophocles’ *Antigone* and Euripides’ *Bacchae*

Sections:  Monday Oct. 25th (discussion of Sophocles’ *Antigone*)
           Wednesday Oct. 27th (discussion of Euripides’ *Bacchae*)

Lecture:  Wednesday Oct. 27th: *Bacchae* (Prof. Ellen Spitz)

Week 10 (of November 1): Reading and discussions: Virgil, *Aeneid* 1–6
Sections: Monday Nov. 1 (discussion of Virgil *Aeneid* 1-3)
Wednesday Nov. 3 (discussion of Virgil *Aeneid* 4-6)

Lecture: Wednesday Nov. 3: Virgil (Prof. David Quint)

**Week 11 (of November 8): Reading and discussion: Virgil, *Aeneid* 7-12**

Sections: Monday Nov. 8 (discussion of Virgil *Aeneid* 7-9)
Wednesday Nov. 10 (discussion of Virgil *Aeneid* 10-12)

Lecture: Wednesday Nov. 10: Virgil (Prof. Kirk Freudenburg)

**Week 12 (of November 15): Reading and discussions: Ovid’s *Metamorphoses* and The New Testament: Gospel of Matthew**

Sections: Monday Nov. 15 (discussion of Ovid’s *Metamorphoses* – selections TBD)
Wednesday Nov. 17 (discussion of Gospel of Matthew)

Lecture: Wednesday Nov. 17: Ovid’s *Metamorphoses* (Prof. Marta Figlerowicz)

[+ lecture on New Testament – format TBD]

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November 22–28  Thanksgiving Recess

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**Week 13 (of November 29): Reading and discussions: Paul’s Letter to the Romans, and Dante, *Divine Comedy: Inferno* (entire)**

Sections: Monday Nov. 29 (discussion of Paul’s *Letter to the Romans*)
Wednesday Nov. 29 (discussion of *Inferno*)

Lecture: Wednesday Dec. 1: *Inferno* (Prof. David Quint)

**Week 14 (of December 6): *Purgatorio* and *Paradiso* selections**

Sections: Monday Dec. 6 (discussion of *Inferno*)
Wednesday Dec. 8 (discussion of *Purgatorio* and *Paradiso*)

Lecture: Wednesday Dec. 8: *Purgatorio* and *Paradiso* (Prof. Purdy Mudarres)