

## Humanities 115: Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities

Section no. 1. Mon. and Wed., 1:30–2:50pm.

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### Course Requirements

Classroom participation, including attendance at and participation in writing seminars. Three 3–5 page papers, due Mon., Oct. 20, Mon., Nov. 10, and Wed., Dec. 10

### Texts

Aristotle, *The Nicomachean Ethics*, tr. D. Ross (Oxford World's Classics).

Homer, *The Iliad of Homer*, tr. R. Lattimore.

Plato, *Meno*, tr. G.M.A. Grube.

Thomas and Grace West, tr., *Four Texts on Socrates*.

All texts should be available at the Seminary Coop Bookstore (5757 S. University Ave.). Readings not on the above list will be made available as photocopies.

I don't necessarily recommend the above translations as better than all others. It might be confusing to use a different translation, however, as translations can sometimes vary wildly.

### Readings

Mon., Sept. 29: (no reading, first class).

Wed., Oct. 1: Homer, *Iliad* I–IV; Bible, Numbers 1–7.

Mon., Oct. 6: **no class** (Yom Kippur)

Wed., Oct. 8: *Iliad* V–VI; VIII–X; XIV.153–360; XV.1–280.

Fri., Oct. 10: *Iliad* XVI.1–256, .783–867; XVIII.354–473; XIX; XXII; XXIII.1–270; XXIV.

Mon., Oct. 13: Plato, *Ion*.

Wed., Oct. 15: Plato, *Euthyphro*.

Mon., Oct. 20: Plato, *Apology* 17<sup>a</sup>–35<sup>d</sup> (and **first paper due**).

Wed., Oct. 22: *Apology* 35<sup>d</sup>–end.

Mon., Oct. 27: Aristophanes, *Clouds*, lines 1–813.

Wed., Oct. 29: *Clouds*, lines 814–1130.

(One or two evenings this week: showing of *South Park: Bigger, Longer, and Uncut*.)

Mon., Nov. 3: *Clouds*, lines 1131–end (and *South Park*).

Wed., Nov. 5: Plato, *Meno* 70<sup>a</sup>–80<sup>b</sup> (to end of Meno's speech).

Mon., Nov. 10: *Meno* 80<sup>b</sup>–89<sup>c</sup> (to end of Meno's speech) (and **second paper due**).

Wed., Nov. 12: *Meno* 89<sup>c</sup>–96<sup>d</sup> (to end of Meno's speech).

Mon., Nov. 17: *Meno*, 96<sup>d</sup>–end; *Gorgias* (brief selections).

Wed., Nov. 19: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* 1.

Mon., Nov. 24: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* 2, 4.7, 5.3; Plato, *Republic* (brief selection); Aristotle, *Politics* 1.1, 1.13.

Wed., Nov. 26 (day before Thanksgiving): Plato, *Euthydemus* (selections); Aristotle, *Metaphysics* 1.1–2.

Mon., Dec. 1: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* 6.

Wed., Dec. 3: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* 10.6–9.

Wed., Dec. 10: **final paper due.**