

Humanities 115: Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities

Section no. 1. Mon. and Wed., 1:30–2:50pm, Cobb 304.

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Course Requirements

Classroom participation, including attendance at and participation in writing seminars. Three 3–5 page papers, due Mon., Oct. 18, Mon., Nov. 8, and Wed., Dec. 8.

Texts

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

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

Plato, *Meno*, tr. G. Anastaplo and L. Berns

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., Sep. 27: (no reading, first class).

Wed., Sep. 29: Homer, *Iliad* I–IV; Bible, Numbers 1-7.

Mon., Oct. 4: *Iliad* V–VI; VIII–X; XIV.153-360; XV.1-280.

Wed., Oct. 6: *Iliad* XVI.1–256, .783–867; XVIII.354–473; XIX; XXII; XXIII.1-270; XXIV.

Mon., Oct. 11: Plato, *Euthyphro*.

Wed., Oct. 13: Plato, *Apology* 17^a–35^d.

Mon., Oct. 18: *Apology* 35^d–end (and **first paper due**).

Wed., Oct. 20: Aristophanes, *Clouds*, lines 1–1130.

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

Mon., Oct. 25: *Clouds*, lines 1131–end.

Wed., Oct. 27: stories about Diogenes the Cynic (from Diogenes Laertius, *Lives of Philosophers*).

Mon., Nov. 1: Xenophon, *Memorabilia*, 1.1.1–10; 1.2.1–18; 3.3; 4.4; 4.8.

Wed., Nov. 3: Plato, *Meno* 70^a–80^b (to end of Meno's speech).

Mon., Nov. 8: *Meno* 80^b–89^c (to end of Meno's speech) (and **second paper due**).

Wed., Nov. 10: *Meno* 89^c–96^d (to end of Meno's speech).

Mon., Nov. 15: *Meno*, 96^d–end; *Gorgias* (515^a–522^e).

Wed., Nov. 17: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* 1.

Mon., Nov. 22: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* 2, 4.7, 5.3; Plato, *Republic* (brief selection); Aristotle, *Politics* 1.1, 1.13.

Wed., Nov. 24 (day before Thanksgiving): **no class**, but please read: Plato, *Euthydemus* (selections); Aristotle, *Metaphysics* 1.1–2.

Mon., Nov. 29: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* 6.

Wed., Dec. 1: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* 10.6–9.

Wed., Dec. 8: **third (final) paper due**.