

Humanities 115: Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities

Section no. 3. Mon. and Wed., 1:30–2:50pm, Cobb 202.

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Course Requirements

Classroom participation, including attendance at and participation in writing seminars. Three 3–5 page papers, due Mon., Oct. 21, Mon., Nov. 11, and Wed., Dec. 11.

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. 30: (no reading, first class).

Wed., Oct. 2: Homer, *Iliad* I–IV; Bible, Numbers 1–7.

Mon., Oct. 7: *Iliad* V–VI; VIII–X; XIV.153–360; XV.1–280.

Wed., Oct. 9: *Iliad* XVI.1–256, .783–867; XVIII.354–473; XIX; XXII; XXIII.1–270; XXIV.

Mon., Oct. 14: Plato, *Ion*.

Wed., Oct. 16: Plato, *Euthyphro*.

Mon., Oct. 21: Plato, *Apology* 17^a–35^d (and **first paper due**).

Wed., Oct. 23: *Apology* 35^d–end.

Mon., Oct. 28: Aristophanes, *Clouds*, lines 1–813.

Wed., Oct. 30: *Clouds*, lines 814–1130.

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

Mon., Nov. 4: *Clouds*, lines 1131–end (and *South Park*).

Wed., Nov. 6: Plato, *Meno* 70^a–80^b (to end of Meno's speech).

Mon., Nov. 11: *Meno* 80^b–89^c (to end of Meno's speech) (and **second paper due**).

Wed., Nov. 13: *Meno* 89^c–96^d (to end of Meno's speech).

Mon., Nov. 18: *Meno*, 96^d–end; *Gorgias* (brief selections).

Wed., Nov. 20: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* 1.

Mon., Nov. 25: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* 2, 4.7, 5.3; Plato, *Republic* (brief selection); Aristotle, *Politics* 1.1, 1.13.

Wed., Nov. 27 (day before Thanksgiving): Plato, *Euthydemus* (selections); Aristotle, *Metaphysics* 1.1–2.

Mon., Dec. 2: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* 6.

Wed., Dec. 4: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* 10.6–9.

(Note: **third paper due** Wed., Dec. 11.)