

CC 101: The Ancient World

Syllabus, Fall 1995

Lectures Tuesday/Thursday, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Tsai Center

Faculty:

Prof. James Devlin (Philosophy)	Prof. Stephanie Nelson (Core)
Prof. James Johnson (History)	Prof. Stephen Scully (Classics)
Prof. Brian Jorgensen (English)	Prof. David Roochnik (Philosophy)
Prof. Judith Swanson (Political Science)	Prof. Philip Freeman (Core)
Prof. George Hoffmann (Modern Languages)	Prof. Marc Joseph (Core)
Prof. Allen Speight (Philosophy)	Prof. Valerie Warrior (Classics)
Prof. Robert Richardson (Modern Languages)	Prof. Lisbeth Haakonssen (Philos.)
Prof. Debra San (Literature)	Prof. Paul Guay (Compar. Studies)
Prof. Angelo Codevilla (International Relations)	Prof. Peter Wood (Anthropology)

Course Description: The Humanities Core is a four-semester sequence of courses, each organized around a close study of some of the best and most influential works of literature, philosophy, religion, and the arts. The sequence develops chronologically, allowing students both to understand a text from the perspective of its author and original audience, and to discover the qualities that make it a timeless and enduring classic.

The first semester of the Humanities Core will acquaint students with two seminal strands of the Western tradition: the Hebrew Scriptures and the world of the ancient Greeks. We shall also consider the Egyptians, Babylonians, Assyrians, and other peoples to whom the Hebrews and Greeks are indebted. Among the topics to which we shall be attending: the nature of the hero, and the relationship between heroes and the ordinary; God or the gods; ancient cities; the erotic; the meaning of justice. The themes of the course include: human experience of the divine; war—that is, man’s struggle with human and natural forces whose essence is strife; the development of *logos* (human reason or cognition) as a response to the divine and to the forces of nature; and the development of art—meaning science, technology, and the ability to create alternative experience.

Books: The books you should purchase and read are available at the Boston University Bookstore. The last page of this syllabus provides a list of these books.

Grading: Final grades will be determined by your seminar professor and will follow the University curve (A=4.0, A-+3.7, etc.). The grade will be based on a combination of written work, examinations, and participation valued in approximately the following proportions:

Midterm exam	10%	Seminar Papers	50%
Final exam	25%	Seminar participation	15%

Exams will cover materials in the lectures, seminars, and readings. They will include objective, short essay, and long essay questions. Choices will be offered. Paper topics will be assigned, and papers graded by, seminar instructors.

Core Humanities 1st Semester, CC 101

CLA CC101	A1	Core Hum I	Lec	Devlin	TR	9:30-11:00A	TSAI
CLA CC101	A2	Core Hum I	Lec	Devlin	TR	9:30-11:00A	TSAI
CLA CC101	B1	Core Hum I	Dis	Speight	MWF	1:00-2:00P	SMG 226
CLA CC101	B2	Core Hum I	Dis	Johnson	MWF	11:00-12:00P	CLA 411
CLA CC101	B3	Core Hum I	Dis	Devlin	M	3:00-6:00P	CLA 203
CLA CC101	B4	Core Hum I	Dis	Roochnik	TR	12:30-2:00P	CLA 411
CLA CC101	B5	Core Hum I	Dis	Swanson	TR	2:00-3:30P	CLA 414
CLA CC101	B6	Core Hum I	Dis	Nelson	TR	2:00-3:30P	BRB 122
CLA CC101	B7	Core Hum I	Dis	Jorgensen	M	3:00-6:00P	CLA 416
CLA CC101	B8	Core Hum I	Dis	Freeman	MWF	10:00-11:00A	SMG B20
CLA CC101	B9	Core Hum I	Dis	Richardson	MWF	9:00-10:00A	CLA 212
CLA CC101	C1	Core Hum I	Dis	Scully	MWF	12:00-1:00P	GCB 206
CLA CC101	C2	Core Hum I	Dis	Haakonssen	TR	11:00-12:30P	SOC B67
CLA CC101	C3	Core Hum I	Dis	Warrior	TR	12:30-2:00P	CLA 415
CLA CC101	C4	Core Hum I	Dis	Codevilla	TR	12:30-2:00P	STH B20
CLA CC101	C5	Core Hum I	Dis	Hoffmann	MWF	2:00-3:00P	SMG B20
CLA CC101	C6	Core Hum I	Dis	Joseph	MWF	4:00-5:00P	CLA 414
CLA CC101	C7	Core Hum I	Dis	Nelson	TR	12:30-2:00P	SMG 227
CLA CC101	C8	Core Hum I	Dis	Warrior	TR	2:00-3:30P	SMG 227
CLA CC101	C9	Core Hum I	Dis	Nelson	W	3:00-6:00P	COM 210
CLA CC101	D1	Core Hum I	Dis	San	MWF	10:00-11:00P	PSY B55
CLA CC101	D2	Core Hum I	Dis	Guay	MWF	12:00-1:00P	SAR 104
CLA CC101	D3	Core Hum I	Dis	Wood	MWF	9:00-10:00A	PSY B49
CLA CC101	HP	Core Hum I	Dis	Devlin	TR	9:30-11:00P	TSAI
CLA CC101	HS	Core Hum I	Dis	Devlin	F	3:00-5:00P	CLA 314

“Life is a series of surprises. We do not guess today the mood, the pleasure, the power of tomorrow, when we are building up our being. Of lower states, of acts of routine and sense, we can tell somewhat, but the total growths and universal movements of the soul are incalculable. I can know that truth is divine and helpful; but how it shall help me I can have no guess, for *so to be* is the sole inlet of *so to know*.” --Ralph Waldo Emerson

CC 101 Lecture and Exam Schedule

Tuesday, 9/5/95: (1) *Gilgamesh: Two-thirds god*
Reading: Gilgamesh, tablets 1-6
Lecture: Professor Devlin: Introduction to the Core

Thursday, 9/7/95: (2) *Gilgamesh: One-third mortal*
Reading: Gilgamesh, tablets 7-11
Lecture: Professor Jorgensen: Who is Gilgamesh?

Tuesday, 9/12/95: (3) *Genesis: Creation, Fall, and Flood*
Reading: Genesis, chapters 1-11
Lecture: Professor Zimansky: Nature and City in Ancient Life

Thursday, 9/14/95: (4) *Genesis: The Patriarchs*
Reading: Genesis, chapters 12-35
Lecture: Professor Fredriksen on Genesis

Wednesday, 9/20/95, **11:00 a.m., Tsai Center:** (5) *Samuel: The Coming of Kingship*
Reading: 1 Samuel, chapters 1-15
Lecture: Professor Wiesel on the Patriarchs

Thursday, 9/21/95: (6) *Samuel: David, Jonathan, Saul*
Reading: 1 Samuel, chapters 15-31
Lecture: Professor Devlin: David and Saul

Tuesday, 9/26/95: (7) *Samuel: David the young king*
Reading: 2 Samuel, chapters 1-12
Lecture: Professor Johnson: Coordinating Lecture

Thursday, 9/28/95, **Law Auditorium:** (8) *Samuel: David the old king*
Reading: 2 Samuel, chapters 12-24; 1 Kings, chapters 1-2
Lecture: Professor Jorgensen: Kingship and Prophecy

Tuesday, 10/3/95: (9) *Job*
Reading: Job, chapters 1-42
Lecture: Professors Devlin and Jorgensen on Job

Thursday, 10/5/95: (10) *Homer, The Odyssey: Athena and Telemakhos*
Reading: *Odyssey*, books 1-6
Lecture: Professor Scully on the Greek Gods

Tuesday, 10/10/95: **No lecture. Monday schedule.**

Thursday, 10/12/95: (11) *Homer, The Odyssey: Odysseus and the journey home*
Reading: *Odyssey*, books 7-12
Lecture: Professor McConnell on The Odyssey

Tuesday, 10/17/95: (12) *Homer, The Odyssey: Odysseus, Penelope, and the death of the suitors*
Reading: *Odyssey*, books 13-24
Lecture: Professor Lapatin: The Mycenaean Age

Thursday, 10/19/95: **MIDTERM EXAM**

Tuesday, 10/24/95: (13) *Aeschylus, The Oresteia*
Reading: Aeschylus, Agamemnon
Lecture: Professor Scully on the Greek Polis

Thursday, 10/26/95: (14) *Aeschylus, The Oresteia*
Reading: Aeschylus, The Libation Bearers
Lecture: Professor Johnson on the emergence of tragedy

Tuesday, 10/31/95: (15) *Aeschylus, The Oresteia*
Reading: Aeschylus, The Eumenides
Lecture: Professor Devlin on The Oresteia

Thursday, 11/2/95, **Law Auditorium:** (16) *Aeschylus, The Oresteia*
Reading: Aeschylus, The Oresteia
Lecture: Professor Johnson: Coordinating Lecture

Tuesday, 11/7/95: (17) *Aristophanes, The Clouds*
Reading: Aristophanes, The Clouds
Lecture: Professor Henderson on Aristophanes

Thursday, 11/9/95: (18) *Aristophanes, The Clouds*
Reading: Aristophanes, The Clouds
Lecture: Professor McClellan on the Athenian Acropolis

Tuesday, 11/14/95: (19) *Plato, The Republic: What is Justice?*
Reading: Plato, Republic, Book 1
Lecture: Professor Devlin on Book 1 of The Republic

Thursday, 11/16/95: (20) *Plato, The Republic: A City in Speech*
Reading: Plato, Republic, Books 2-3
Lecture: Professor Roochnik: Plato, the Poets, and the Sophists

Tuesday, 11/21/95: (21) *Plato, The Republic: Perfecting the City*
Reading: Plato, Republic, Books 4-5
Lecture: Professor Jorgensen: Plato on Love, Sex, and Desire

Thursday, 11/23/95: **NO CLASS. THANKSGIVING VACATION**

Tuesday, 11/28/95: (22) *Plato, The Republic: The Line and the Cave*

Reading: Plato, Republic, Books 6-7

Lecture: Professor Devlin on Plato's Divided Line

Thursday, 11/30/95: (23) *Plato, The Republic: O Fair Democracy*

Reading: Plato, Republic, Books 6-7

Professors Roochnik, Patt, Mohr, and Wildman: Integrating Forum

Tuesday, 12/5/95: (24) *Plato: The Republic: O Fair Democracy*

Reading: The Republic, Books 8-9

Lecture: Professor Swanson on Plato's Regimes

Thursday 12/7/95: (25) *Plato: The Republic*

Reading: The Republic, Books 8-9

Lecture: Professor Jorgensen: On Justice

Tuesday 12/12/95: (26) *Plato: The Republic: Saving the Myth*

Reading: The Republic, Book 10

Lecture: Professor Devlin: Platonic Virtue and the Myth of Er

Thursday, 12/14/95: **NO CLASS. STUDY PERIOD.**

Saturday, 12/16/95: **FINAL EXAM, 9:00 a.m.**