



Human Situation 1: Antiquity
Fall 2009 Team OMEGA Syllabus
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Plenary Lecture: M-W-F, 12-1pm, 170 Melcher Hall

Note: The professors will distribute syllabi in each discussion section with more specific policy guidelines for those classes. The policies listed here are either general or concern the lecture class in particular.

More extensive discussion on the course's aims, study tips, and additional materials will be available online at the course website, <http://www.thehumansituation.com>. [Note: this website will be relaunched along with the Honors College new website in early September.]



Semester Theme: Gods, Men, and Monsters



Required Booklist (these translations only!):

1. Herbert Mason, *Gilgamesh: A Verse Narrative*, Mariner Books (ISBN 0-618-27564-9)
2. Homer, *Odyssey*, trans. Stanley Lombardo, Hackett (ISBN 0-87220-484-7)
3. Herodotus, *Histories*, trans. David Greene (ISBN 0-226-32772-8)
4. Sophocles, *Elektra*, trans. Nicholas Rudall, Ivan R. Dee (ISBN 1-56663-021-5)
5. Aristophanes, *Birds*, trans. J. Henderson, Focus (ISBN 0941051870)
6. *Hippocratic Writings*, trans. Chadwick and Mann, Penguin Books (ISBN 978-0-14-044451-3)
7. Plato, *Gorgias*, trans. R. Waterfield, Oxford World Classics (ISBN 0199540322)
8. Lucretius, *On the Nature of Things*, trans. W. Englert, Focus Publishing (ISBN 0-941051-21-8)
9. Sallust, *Catiline's War, The Jugurthine War, Histories*, trans. A. J. Woodman, Penguin (ISBN 978-0-140-44948-8)
10. Ovid, *Metamorphoses*, trans. Allen Mandelbaum, Harvest/Harcourt (ISBN 0-15-170529-1)

Additional texts will be distributed in class (see text TBD in the schedule).

I. Course Requirements.

For this Human Situation course, you will receive **two final grades**: one for the lecture portion of the class, and one for the discussion section. Each portion counts for three hours of credit. Your discussion section professor will handle the final grades for both portions.

Your section grade will be determined by three papers, your class participation, and whatever other elements your professor includes in the discussion section requirements (e.g., quizzes or a classroom presentation).

Your grade for the lecture portion of the class will be determined by a midterm written examination (Oct. 14, 30%), a lecture paper (due Nov. 9, 35%) and a final oral examination (to be scheduled sometime Dec. 7-11, 35%).

II. Policies and Notices.

Paper Submission:

All papers—whether for section or lecture—must be submitted to your discussion class list at Turnitin.com. Professors will also require a separate paper submission to them in class on the due date. Your professor will provide you with 1) a Turnitin class identification number and 2) a password in order to register with your discussion class on the web site. *Please set this up immediately, using only one email address for the whole semester.*

Academic Honesty:

Any student caught plagiarizing on papers or cheating on examinations will be failed. For more information on academic honesty policies and procedures, see the Student Handbook. (This section is also available at <http://www.uh.edu/dos/hdbk/acad/achonpol.html>.)

Absences from Lecture:

Attendance at lecture is required. Contact your professor about any absences, and make certain to get class notes from fellow students for days you missed. (For discussion group absence policies, see your professor's syllabus.)

Recording Lectures:

Audio or video recording of a lecture can only be done *with the approval of the lecturer.* Make sure to ask him/her before you begin recording.

Electronics in Lecture:

Students may not use any electronic devices during lecture (save for recording devices with approval of lecturer, see above). This includes cellular telephones, cameras, pagers, game devices, mp3 players, and laptop computers. Students who believe they may have a legitimate reason to use an electronic device should contact Dr. Armstrong to submit a request.

Disability Notice:

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