

**Honors 1001/1003, Section 1: Ancient Western Civilization**  
**Syllabus, Fall 2008**  
**Lecture MWF 9:40-10:30**  
**Coates 212**

FACULTY

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GRADING

Students are expected to attend all lectures and seminars. Requirements include three papers and a rewrite, due to your seminar instructors on the dates given in the syllabus. Late papers will be unacceptable. In addition, there will be three examinations. Your seminar instructor will determine your grades as follows:

Honors 1001	
Papers	60%
Seminar Writing Assignments	25%
Seminar Participation	<u>15%</u>
	100%
Honors 1003	
Exam #1	25%
Exam #2	25%
Final Exam	<u>50%</u>
	100%

GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS

Honors 1001/1003 is a General Education course and fulfills certain requirements listed in the LSU General Catalogue. Honors 1001/1003 classes are designed to address the following goals of the General Education curriculum:

- develop an effective command of written and spoken English
- build an informed appreciation of the arts and the humanities
- increase an appreciation of the methods of critical inquiry
- enhance an ability to deal with moral and ethical issues
- encourage an understanding of other cultures and other times
- sharpen awareness of how knowledge is acquired, transmitted, and applied

WRITING COMPONENT

Honors 1001 has built into it an important writing component that includes three five-paged interpretive essays and one mandatory rewrite. We have ordered optional texts for those students who would like to own their own writing handbook or for those who encounter difficulty in paper writing and need extra assistance. These texts are included on the textbook list (marked optional) and available in both the LSU and Co-op Bookstores.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Pomeroy, Sarah *et al.*, *A Brief History of Ancient Greece: Politics, Society, and Culture* (Oxford) ISBN 0-19-515681-1

Aeschylus, *Oresteia*, tr. Robert Fagles (Penguin) ISBN 0-14-044333-9

Apollonius of Rhodes, *Voyage of the Argo*, tr. E.V. Rieu (Penguin) ISBN 0-14-044085-2

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, tr. Martin Ostwald (Macmillan) ISBN 0-02-389530-6

Davenport, Guy, *7 Greeks* (New Directions Publishing) ISBN 0811212882

Epictetus, *The Handbook*, tr. Nicholas White (Hackett) ISBN 0-915145-69-3

Euripides, *Euripides I*, ed. David Grene and Richmond Lattimore (University of Chicago) ISBN 0-226-30780-8

*Four Texts on Socrates*, tr. Thomas West, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Cornell University Press) ISBN 0801485746

Herodotus, *Histories*, tr. Aubrey de Selincourt (Penguin) ISBN 0140444254

Homer, *Iliad*, tr. Richmond Lattimore (University of Chicago) ISBN 0-226-46940-9

Homer, *Odyssey*, tr. Robert Fitzgerald (Vintage Classics) ISBN 0-679-72813-9

Lysias, *The Murder of Herodes and Other Trials*, ed. and tr. Kathleen Freeman (Hackett) ISBN 0-87220-306-9

Plato, *Symposium*, tr. Seth Benardete (Chicago) ISBN 0-226-04275-8

Sophocles, *Sophocles II*, tr. David Grene (University of Chicago) ISBN 0-226-30786-7

Thucydides, *On Power, Justice, and Human Nature*, tr. Paul Woodruff (Hackett) ISBN 0-87220-168-6

#### OPTIONAL TEXTS

Diane Hacker, *A Writer's Reference with Writing about Literature* (Bedford/St. Martin's) ISBN 0312470983

Diane Hacker, *Writing About Literature* (Bedford/St. Martins) ISBN 9780312464387

#### **Syllabus of Readings and Assignments**

Aug. 25 M	LECTURE Introduction to Course	Ross Stoner Zerba
	SEMINAR Introduction to Course	
Aug. 27 W	LECTURE Introduction to Early Greece and the Bronze Age Pomeroy, <i>A Brief History of Ancient Greece</i> , pp. 1-35	Ross
	SEMINAR Introduction to Seminar	
Aug. 29 F	LECTURE Homeric Epic: War, the Anger of Achilles, and the Greek Gods Homer, <i>Iliad</i> , Introduction, pp. 12-44 Books 1-2	Zerba
	SEMINAR	

		Arguments, Duels, and Similes Homer, <i>Iliad</i> , Books 1-3	
Sept. 1	M	LABOR DAY	
Sept. 3	W	LECTURE Homer's World: The Greek "Dark Age" Pomeroy, <i>A Brief History</i> , pp. 36-59	Ross
		SEMINAR Military and Domestic Lives: Paris and Helen; Hektor and Andromache Homer, <i>Iliad</i> , Books 4-6	
Sep. 5	F	LECTURE The Ordinary and Extraordinary Homeric Hero Homer, <i>Iliad</i> , Books 7-9	Zerba
		SEMINAR Homer, <i>Iliad</i> , Books 7-9	
Sep. 8	M	LECTURE The Ties That Bind: Achilles and the Death of Patroklos Homer, <i>Iliad</i> , Books 16-17	Zerba
		SEMINAR Homer, <i>Iliad</i> , Books 16-17	
Sep. 10	W	LECTURE The Shield of Achilles: the Art of War and the War in Art Homer, <i>Iliad</i> , Books 18-19	Zerba
		SEMINAR Achilles' Rampage Homer, <i>Iliad</i> , Books 20-21	
Sep. 12	F	LECTURE The Anger of Achilles and the Grief of Priam Homer, <i>Iliad</i> , Books 22-24	Zerba
		SEMINAR The Funeral Games for Patroklos Homer, <i>Iliad</i> , Books 22-24	
Sep. 15	M	LECTURE The Telemachy and Male Coming of Age Homer, <i>Odyssey</i> , Books 1-4	Stoner
		SEMINAR Homer, <i>Odyssey</i> , Books 1-4	
Sep. 17	W	LECTURE Odyssean Females and the World of the Phaiakians Homer, <i>Odyssey</i> , Books 5-8	Stoner
		SEMINAR Homer, <i>Odyssey</i> , Books 5-8	

**\*\*PAPER #1 DUE\*\***

Sep. 19	F	LECTURE The Hero of the Great Wanderings Homer, <i>Odyssey</i> , Books 9-12	Stoner
		SEMINAR Homer, <i>Odyssey</i> , Books 9-12	
Sep. 22	M	LECTURE The Return to Ithaka: Disguise and Recognition Homer, <i>Odyssey</i> , Books 14, 16, 18-19	Zerba
		SEMINAR Homer, <i>Odyssey</i> , Books 14, 16, 18-19	

Sep. 24	W	LECTURE Penelope's Motives and Odysseus' Revenge Homer, <i>Odyssey</i> , Books 20-23	Stoner
		SEMINAR Homer, <i>Odyssey</i> , Book 20-23	
Sep. 26	F	<b>**EXAM #1**</b>	
Sep. 29	M	LECTURE Archaic Age Poetry: Sappho <i>7 Greeks</i> , pp. 69-116	Zerba
		SEMINAR Archaic Age Poetry Archilochos, Alkman, Anakreon <i>7 Greeks</i> , pp. 23-68, 117-157	
Oct. 1	W	LECTURE The Rise of the Polis: Introduction to Herodotus Pomeroy, <i>A Brief History</i> , pp. 61-80; 91-109	Ross
		SEMINAR Herodotus: Early Athens and Sparta Herodotus, <i>The Histories</i> , I.1-5, 56-68	
Oct. 3	F	LECTURE Background of the Persian Wars Pomeroy, <i>A Brief History</i> , pp. 122-126	Ross
		SEMINAR Croesus of Lydia and Solon of Athens Herodotus, <i>The Histories</i> , I.6-55, 69-94	
		<b>**REWRITE OF PAPER #1 DUE**</b>	
Oct. 6	M	LECTURE Archaic Athens Pomeroy, <i>A Brief History</i> , pp. 110-122	Ross
		SEMINAR Greek Tyranny Herodotus, <i>The Histories</i> , III.39-60, 120-125; V.66-68, 91-92	
Oct. 8	W	LECTURE Growth of the Persian Empire Pomeroy, <i>A Brief History</i> , pp. 127-132	Ross
		SEMINAR The Marathon Campaign Herodotus, <i>The Histories</i> , I. 95-127; V.28-38, 49-54, 96-105; VI.94-120	
Oct. 10	F	FALL BREAK	
Oct. 13	M	LECTURE The Persian Wars: Round Two Pomeroy, <i>A Brief History</i> , pp. 132-137	Ross
		SEMINAR	

Xerxes' Invasion  
 Herodotus, *The Histories*, VII.1-56, 138-47, 198-228; VIII.40-98

Oct. 15 W LECTURE  
 Introduction to Greek Tragedy Zerba  
 Revenge, Manly Women, and the Curse in the House of Atreus  
 Aeschylus, *Oresteia: Agamemnon* (whole play)

SEMINAR  
 Agamemnon, Clytemnestra, and Cassandra  
 Aeschylus, *Oresteia: Agamemnon* (whole play)

Oct. 17 F LECTURE  
 Orestes, Electra, and the Tragic Double Bind Zerba  
 Aeschylus, *Oresteia: Libation Bearers* (whole play)

SEMINAR  
 Disguise, Trickery, and the Homecoming of the Son  
 Aeschylus, *Oresteia: Libation Bearers* (whole play)

Oct. 20 M LECTURE  
 Retributive Violence and the Birth of the Legal System Zerba  
 Aeschylus, *Oresteia: Eumenides* (whole play)

SEMINAR  
 Concepts of Justice: The Olympians, the Furies, and the Eumenides  
 Aeschylus, *Oresteia: Eumenides* (whole play)

Oct. 22 W LECTURE  
 Growth of Athenian Democracy Ross  
 Pomeroy, *A Brief History*, pp. 138-177

SEMINAR  
 Reforms of Cleisthenes  
 Herodotus, *The Histories*, V.69-90

**\*\*PAPER #2 DUE\*\***

Oct. 24	F	<p>LECTURE  Greek Oratory  Pomeroy, <i>A Brief History</i>, pp. 189-193  Freeman, <i>The Murder of Herodes</i>, pp. 9-39</p> <p>SEMINAR  Greek Domestic Life: Husbands, Wives, and Lovers  Freeman, <i>The Murder of Herodes</i>:  Lysias, "On the Killing of Eratosthenes," pp. 43-53</p>	Ross
Oct. 27	M	<p>LECTURE  Tragic Adaptations of the Homeric Hero  Sophocles, <i>Philoctetes</i> (whole play)</p> <p>SEMINAR  Revisiting Achilles and Odysseus: Revenge, Duty, and Pity  Sophocles, <i>Philoctetes</i> (whole play)</p>	Zerba
Oct. 29	W	<p>LECTURE  Tradition and Iconoclasm  Euripides, <i>Medea</i> (whole play)</p> <p>SEMINAR  Achillean Heroes and Odyssean Rogues: Medea and Jason  Euripides, <i>Medea</i> (whole play)</p>	Zerba
Oct. 31	F	**EXAM # 2**	
Nov. 3	M	<p>LECTURE  Origins of Peloponnesian War and Introduction to Thucydides  Thucydides, <i>On Power, Justice, and Human Nature</i>, pp. 1-13  Pomeroy, <i>A Brief History</i>, pp. 193-198</p> <p>SEMINAR  Thucydides, <i>On Power, Justice, and Human Nature</i>, pp. 15-37</p>	Ross
Nov. 5	W	<p>LECTURE  Thucydides and the Leadership of Pericles  Pomeroy, <i>A Brief History</i>, pp. 200-208</p> <p>SEMINAR  Thucydides, <i>On Power, Justice, and Human Nature</i>, pp. 39-87</p>	Ross
Nov. 7	F	<p>LECTURE  Thucydides: The Greeks at War  Pomeroy, <i>A Brief History</i>, pp. 209-223  Thucydides, <i>On Power, Justice, and Human Nature</i>, pp. 111-154</p> <p>SEMINAR  Debating Power and Justice  Thucydides, <i>On Power, Justice, and Human Nature</i>, pp. 89-109</p>	Stoner
Nov. 10	M	<p>LECTURE  Philosophy and the City I  Aristophanes, <i>Clouds</i> (whole play)</p> <p>SEMINAR  Aristophanes, <i>Clouds</i> (whole play)</p>	Stoner

Nov. 12 W	LECTURE Philosophy and the City II Plato, <i>Apology</i> (whole text)	Stoner
	SEMINAR Plato, <i>Apology</i> (whole text)	
Nov. 14 F	LECTURE The Nature of Love Plato, <i>Symposium</i> , 172a-189b (pp. 1-18)	Stoner
	SEMINAR Plato, <i>Symposium</i> 172a-189b (pp. 1-18)	
Nov. 17 M	LECTURE Love as Comedy and Tragedy Plato, <i>Symposium</i> 189c-201c (pp. 18-31)	Stoner
	SEMINAR Love as Descent and Ascent Plato, <i>Symposium</i> 201d-212b (pp. 31-42)	
Nov. 19 W	LECTURE Platonic Love Plato, <i>Symposium</i> 212c-223d (pp. 42-54)	Stoner
	SEMINAR Plato, <i>Symposium</i> (entire text)	
Nov. 21 F	LECTURE Philosophy and the City III Plato, <i>Republic</i> (excerpt)	Stoner
	SEMINAR Plato, <i>Republic</i> (excerpt)	

**\*\*Paper #3 Due\*\***



Nov. 24 M	LECTURE Happiness and Virtue Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Books 1-5 (excerpts)	Stoner
	SEMINAR Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Books 1-5 (excerpts)	
Nov. 26 W	LECTURE Wisdom and Friendship Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Books 6-10 (excerpts)	Stoner
	SEMINAR Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Books 6-10 (excerpts)	
Nov. 28 F	THANKSGIVING BREAK	
Dec. 1 M	LECTURE Hellenistic Variations on Literary Tradition Apollonius of Rhodes, <i>Argonautica</i> , Books 1-2	Zerba
	SEMINAR Revisiting Medea and Jason Apollonius of Rhodes, <i>Argonautica</i> , Book 3-4	
Dec. 3 W	LECTURE The Rise of Macedon Pomeroy, <i>A Brief History</i> , 238-269	Ross
	SEMINAR Hellenistic Philosophy Epictetus, <i>The Handbook</i>	
Dec. 5 F	LECTURE Alexander the Great and Hellenistic Civilization Pomeroy, <i>A Brief History</i> , pp. 270-293	Ross
	SEMINAR Review	

**\*\*FINAL EXAM: 7:30 - 9:30 AM Dec 11\*\***