# College of the Humanities HUMS 1200

# HUMANITIES AND CLASSICAL CIVILISATION FALL TERM 2014

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In this course we will read the three great Greek and Roman epics: Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, and Virgil's *Aeneid*, as well as a selection of literary and historical works from Greece and Rome.

The aim of this course is to teach you how to write the most fundamental type of university paper, the exegetical essay. You will learn how to understand the argument of a text and how to explain that argument clearly and accurately.

The role of this course within the Humanities curriculum is to give you the writing skills you need for every other course in your degree.

**Prerequisite**: Good standing in the B. Hum. program.

**Lectures**: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 16:05—17:25 in Paterson Hall 303

# **Required Texts**:

The following are available at All Books (327 Rideau Street, next to the Bytown Cinema, tel. 613 789-9544):

The Norton Book of Classical Literature, ed. Bernard Knox. New York and London: W.W. Norton, 1993.

Homer. *The Iliad*. trans. Robert Fagles, ed. and intro. Bernard Knox. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1990.

Homer. *The Odyssey*.trans. Robert Fagles, ed. and intro. Bernard Knox. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1996.

Virgil. *The Aeneid*.trans. Robert Fagles, ed. and intro. Bernard Knox. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 2006.

Note: Buy the Fagles translations, even if you already have copies of Homer and Virgil in other editions.

### **Recommended Texts:**

Kamm, Antony. *The Romans. An Introduction*. 2nd edition. London and New York: Routledge, 2008.

Pomeroy, Sarah, et. al. A Brief History of Ancient Greece. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013. Ruvinsky, Maxine. Practical Grammar. A Canadian Writer's Resource. 2nd edition. Don Mills: Oxford University Press Canada, 2009.

Strunk, W. Jr. and White, E.B. *The Elements of Style*. 4th edition. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 2000.

Note: You are not required to buy these texts, but they will help you with your general understanding of the Ancient World, and of English grammar and style, respectively.

# **Online Reading:**

The following will be posted on cuLearn:

• HUMS 1200 writing guide.

This is you main text for learning how to write an exegetical essay.

### **Grades** for the course will be based on:

Five assignments, of varying length, worth a total of 100% of the final grade;

Assignment 1: Outline of a single short passage. Worth 5% of the final grade.

Assignment 2: Exegesis of a single short passage. Worth 10% of the final grade.

Assignment 3: Exegesis of two short passages. Worth 20% of the final grade.

Assignment 4: Exegesis of a single longer passage. Worth 25% of the final grade.

Assignment 5: Exegetical essay. Worth 40% of the final grade.

Grades will be based solely on individual, academic merit as judged against absolute standards. Grades will not be adjusted to achieve a supposed normal distribution or manipulated in any other way.

Note: There is no mid-term or final examination in this course.

## **Assignments:**

The five assignments walk you through the steps of writing an exegetical paper.

- I. Outline of a single short passage.
  - A. In this assignment you make notes on a passage, and then turn those notes into an outline of the passage that shows the structure of its argument.
- II. Exegesis of a single short passage.
  - A. In this assignment you do the same as in the first assignment, but then you take the outline you have made and explain what the passage says in grammatically and stylistically correct English prose.
- III. Exegesis of two related short passages.
  - A. In this assignment you do what you have done in the second assignment, but this time you do it for two related passages that are given to you. In addition, you incorporate your explanations of the two passages into an overall argument that shows the relation of one passage to the other.
- IV. Exegesis of a single longer passage
  - A. In this assignment you do what you have done in the third assignment, but this time you must choose two important passages from a much longer passage. As in the third assignment, you incorporate your explanations of the two passages into an overall argument that shows the relation of one passage to the other. Further, your overall argument must indicate the conclusion of the longer passage.
- V. Writing a an exegetical essay in good English prose.
  - A. In this assignment you do what you have done in the fourth assignment, but this time you may choose more than two passages, from a whole text. Further, the conclusion that you argue for by explaining these passages and their relation to each other must be the answer to the question that you have been asked about the text.
  - B. You will do this assignment in two stages:

- 1. Stage 1: Hand in an outline of your assignment. This outline should include detailed outlines of each passage that you are explaining in your essay, and it should indicate the relations between them, and it should indicate what your overall conclusion is.
- 2. Stage 2: Hand in the finished essay in good English prose, following the outline you have made for stage 1, taking into account any comments you have received on it by your instructor.

# Regulations Applying Specifically to HUMS 1200:

**General Course Requirements:** To pass, students must regularly attend the lectures and complete all the written assignments, unless formally excused by the Instructor because of illness or some other legitimate reason. **Failure to complete all the written assignments unless excused will result in the grade FND** (Failed, No Deferral).

**Attendance:** Attendance is mandatory. Much of the work you do in this class will be done in the class itself. This is where we will practice how to read and explain passages, so that you will learn these skills before writing your assignments.

Students are responsible for all material covered, announcements made, course documents distributed, and assignments returned, whether they are present in class or not.

Assignment Submission: All assignment must be submitted in two ways.

- 1. A copy of your assignment in MS Word must be uploaded to cuLearn before the start of class on the day the assignment is due.
- 2. A paper copy of the assignment must be submitted at the beginning of class on the day the assignment is due.

**Late Assignments:** Assignments will be considered received when they are uploaded to cuLearn. However, your assignment will not be graded unless you also submit a paper copy. **Assignments that are uploaded after the beginning of class on the due date will be considered late**. Late assignments will be docked 1 grade point per calendar day (i.e. including weekends). In other words, a B+ assignment will suffer the following penalties:

- 1 day late (from the beginning of class to midnight the following calendar day) = B
- 2 days = B-
- 3 days = C +
- 4 days = C
- 7 days = D
- 9 days = F (49.9%)
- And so on, until the assignment reaches F (0%)

Late penalties on assignments accompanied by a medical certificate or other proof of a legitimate reason for lateness will be adjusted accordingly. But once the assignments submitted on time are graded and returned, *no further assignments will be accepted except for very compelling reasons*. No work can be accepted for any reason after the Senate's deadline published in the current *Calendar*.

In Case it is not Perfectly Clear: Late assignments will very quickly sink to a grade of F. However, even an assignment that is so late it will merit a grade of 0% must be completed, or you will fail the course. Hand in your assignments on time.

What you should do if you don't hand in an assignment: The worst thing you can do is follow the 'ostrich method' of dealing with your late assignment—i.e. pretend that nothing has happened and hope for the best. You will fail the class. You must get in touch with me if circumstances prevent you from handing in an assignment on time. I will let you know what your appropriate options are, no matter how serious your circumstances are.

**Office hours:** The very best thing you can do to succeed in this class is visit me in my office hours, which I hold every week, whether you need to discuss a problem or simply would like to chat about this course or another course. I can help you much more effectively one-on-one than I can in class, and that is what office hours are for.

**Friendly sum-up:** My role in this class is to help you learn. I have draconian late penalties because I know that it is very hard to catch up once you get behind on your work. But if you do get behind, my top priority is to help you catch up.

My goal is to help everyone do well in this course, so that you will then do well in Humanities in general.

# **READINGS AND ASSIGNMENT DATES**

## Required Readings:

- The *Iliad*, *Odyssey*, and *Aeneid*.
- Readings from the *Norton Book of Classical Literature* are indicated in the schedule by the name of author. Precise selections from the required authors are indicated in the truncated contents which follows the schedule.
- The HUMS 1200 Writing Guide.

Note: There is a lot of required reading for this course. It is not the end of the world if you don't have time to read everything, but please make every effort to read as much of the required texts as you can.

In particular, please read the passages from the *Norton Book of Classical Literature* before the class, so that we can work on on those passages together in class more effectively.

# Suggested Readings:

- Selections from the resource texts *A Brief History of Ancient Greece* and *The Romans*.
- Selections from Practical Grammar. A Canadian Writer's Resource.
- Strunk and White, The Elements of Style

Class #	M/ W	Month	Day	Readings and Assignment due-dates	
1	R	Sept.	4	Introduction	
2	T	Sept.	9	Norton Hesiod/Tyrtaeus/Sappho	
3	R	Sept.	11	Iliad Introduction and bks. 1-6 Assignment 1: Outline of a single short passage	
4	T	Sept.	16	Norton Xenophanes/Theognis/Solon/Anacreon/Simonides/Pindar	
5	R	Sept.	18	Iliad bks. 7-12	
6	T	Sept.	23	Norton Herodotus	
7	R	Sept.	25	Iliad bks. 13-18 Assignment 2: Exegesis of a single short passage	
8	T	Sept.	30	Norton Aeschylus/Sophocles	
9	R	Oct.	2	Iliad bks. 19-24	
10	T	Oct.	7	Norton Thucydides	
11	R	Oct.	9	Odyssey Introduction and bks. 1-6 Assignment 3: Exegesis of two related short passages	
12	T	Oct.	14	Odyssey bks. 7-12	
13	R	Oct.	16	Norton Euripides	
14	T	Oct.	21	Odyssey bks. 13-18	
15	R	Oct.	23	Norton Aristophanes  Assignment 4: Exegesis of a single longer passage	
		Oct Nov.	27-31	Fall Term Break	
16	T	Nov.	4	Odyssey bks. 19-24	

Class #	M/ W	Month	Day	Readings and Assignment due-dates	
17	R	Nov.	6	Norton Plato  Assignment 5, Part One: Exegetical Essay—Outline due	
18	T	Nov.	11	Aeneid Introduction and bks. 1-3	
19	R	Nov.	13	Norton Livy/Virgil/Ovid	
20	T	Nov.	18	Aeneid bks. 4-6	
21	R	Nov.	20	Norton Lucretius/Marcus Aurelius  Assignment 5, Part Two: Exegetical Essay—Final Prose version due	
22	T	Nov.	25	Aeneid bks. 7-9	
23	R	Nov.	27	Norton Catullus/Horace/Propertius	
24	T	Dec.	2	Aeneid bks. 10-12	
25	R	Dec.	4	Norton Tacitus/Petronius/Juvenal	

# The Norton Book of Classical Literature (truncated table of contents, arranged by each day's readings)

Required readings are marked in **bold**. All others are suggested readings.

# PART ONE GREECE

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ALCAEUS (late 7th century-middle 6th century B	B.C.) [Lesbos]	
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"Leave Krete and come to this holy temple"		228
"Some there are who say that the fairest th	ing seen"	228
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"Throned in splendor, deathless, O Aphroc	lite"	229
"Like the sweet apple turning red on the branch to	p"	230

"You will die and be still, never shall be memory let "The moon has set" "Percussion, salt and honey"	ft of you"	230 231 231
"Eros makes me shiver again"		231
XENOPHANES (570-early 5th century B.C.)	[Colophon, wandered]	
"Now, supposing a man were to win"		232
"If a horse or lion or a slow ox" "Our gods have flat noses and black skins"		233 233
"There is one God-supreme among gods an	d men—"	233
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THEOGNIS (6th century B.C.)	[Megara]	
"May wide and towering heaven collapse upon me.		236 <b>237</b>
"Kyrnos, this city is still the same city, but i "Best of all things-is never to be born"	its people are different	237
"Nothing destroys a good man quicker than	poverty"	237
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SOLON (c. 640-after 561 B.C.)	[Athens]	
"Where did I fail?"	99	239
"This city of ours will never be destroyed "I gave the people as much privilege as they		240 241
ANACREON (c. 570-? B.C.)	[Samos/Athens]	
"I have gone gray at the temples"		244
"O sweet boy like a girl" "Here lies Timokritos: soldier: valiant in battle"		244 244
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SIMONIDES (556-468 B.C.)	[Ceos/Samos/Athens]	<b>0.</b>
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CATULLUS (c. 84c. 54 B.C.)	COF
"Lesbia, let us live only for loving"	605
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"Driven across many nations, across many oceans" "Furius and Aurelius, Catullus' comrades"	610
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## **Regulations Common to All Humanities Courses:**

**Copies of Written Work Submitted:** Always retain for yourself a copy of all essays, term papers, written assignments or take-home tests submitted in your courses.

**Plagiarism:** The University Senate defines plagiarism as "to use and pass off as one's own idea or product the work of another without expressly giving credit to another" (Calendar). This can include

- Reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else's published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one's own without indicating this through both the appropriate use of quotation marks and citations in footnotes;
- Lengthy and close paraphrasing of another's work (i.e., extensive copying interspersed with a few phrases or sentences of your own); and
- Submitting written work produced by someone else as your own work (e.g., another student's term paper, a paper purchased from a commercial term-paper factory, or materials or term papers downloaded from the Internet).

Plagiarism is a serious offence, and it cannot be dealt with by the Instructors alone. In all cases where plagiarism is suspected, Instructors are now *required* to notify their Chair or Director, who in turn is *required* to report the matter to the Associate Deans of the Faculty. The Associate Deans then conduct a formal investigation, including an interview with the student. Penalties can range from a mark of zero for the plagiarized work, a final grade of F for the course, suspension from all studies, to expulsion from the University.

The Senate also considers an instructional offence the submission of "substantially the same piece of work to two or more courses without the prior written permission of the instructors . . . involved" (Calendar).

Passages copied word-for-word without quotation marks, whether the source is cited or not, constitute plagiarism.

All of these guidelines apply equally to internet sources. Note that plagiarism from internet sources is very easy to detect.

**Grading System:** Letter grades assigned in this course will have the following percentage equivalents:

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A+=90-100 (12)B=73-76 (8) C-=60-62 (4) A=85-89 (11) B-=70-72 (7) D+=57-59 (3) A-=80-84 (10) C+=67-69 (6) D=53-56 (2) B+=77-79 (9) C=63-66 (5) D-=50-52 (1)
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F Failure. Assigned 0.0 grade points

ABS Absent from final examination, equivalent to F

DEF Official deferral (see "Petitions to Defer")

FND Failure with no deferred exam allowed -- assigned only when the student has failed the course on the basis of inadequate term work as specified in the course outline.

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean.

## Withdrawal Without Academic Penalty:

The last date to withdraw from Fall Term courses is Dec. 3, 2012. The last day to withdraw from Fall/Winter (Full Term) and Winter term courses is April 10, 2013.

### Requests for Academic Accommodation:

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term because of disability, pregnancy or religious obligations. Please review the course outline promptly and write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at: carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/

Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Documented disabilities could include but not limited to mobility/physical impairments, specific Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/psychological disabilities, sensory disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and chronic medical conditions. Registered PMC students are required to contact the PMC, 613-520-6608, every term to

ensure that your Instructor receives your Letter of Accommodation, no later than two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations. If you only require accommodations for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodations to PMC by Nov. 9, 2012for the Fall term and March 8, 2013 for the Winter term. For more details visit the Equity Services website: carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/

### **Petitions to Defer:**

If you miss a final examination and/or fail to submit a <u>FINAL</u> assignment by the due date because of circumstances beyond your control, you may apply a deferral of examination/assignment.

If you are applying for a deferral due to illness you will be required to see a physician in order to confirm illness and obtain a medical certificate dated no later than one working day after the examination or assignment deadline. This supporting documentation must specify the date of onset of the illness, the degree of incapacitation, and the expected date of recovery.

If you are applying for a deferral for reasons other than personal illness, please contact the Registrar's Office directly for information on other forms of documentation that we accept.

Deferrals of assignments must be supported by confirmation of the assignment due date, for example a copy of the course outline specifying the due date and any documented extensions from the course instructor.

Deferral applications for examination or assignments must be submitted within **5 working days** of the original final exam.

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