

**HUMN 220: *Western Humanities I***

**Fall 2001**

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**Class meeting time: M W 12:30pm - 2:10pm**  
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**TEXTS:**

1. Thucydides, *On Justice, Power and Human Nature, Selections from The History of the Peloponnesian War* (Hackett)
2. Plato, *The Republic*, translated by Grube & revised by Reeve (Hackett)
3. *The Bible*, Revised Standard Version (Meridian)
4. Dante, *Inferno* (Penguin)
5. Sophocles, *Three Theban Plays* (Penguin)
6. Cicero, *On Friendship* in his *On The Good Life* (Penguin Classics)
7. Boethius, *The Consolation of Philosophy* (Macmillan)
8. Christine de Pisan, *The Book of the City of Ladies* (Persea)
9. Machiavelli, *The Prince* (Penguin)
10. Shakespeare, *Hamlet* (Signet Classic)

**All texts are available at Sundance Books. When you buy the texts, check to make sure that you have the right edition.**

**GRADING:**

<b>2 papers (five pages each)</b>	<b>15 % each</b>
<b>2 mid-term exams</b>	<b>20 % each</b>
<b>Final exam</b>	<b>20 %</b>
<b>Active class participation</b>	<b>10 %</b>

**GENERAL POLICIES:**

1. **Always bring the assigned text to class.** You are expected to complete the reading assignments prior to each class. For each reading assignment, you will receive a sheet of study questions. You should be prepared to answer these questions in class.
2. There will be two critical/analytical papers, each requiring you to think carefully about some aspect of the works under consideration. The papers are to be word-processed, double-spaced, and free from spelling errors. Each assignment will be explained by a handout and will be discussed in detail in class. **All papers must be handed in on time. A 1/2 grade deduction will be made for each day delayed.**
3. Two in-class examinations, short answers and essay in format, will be given one third and two thirds of the way through the semester. There will also be a non-cumulative final exam. **No make-up exam will be given unless you can validate your absence through documentation from the Dean's Office.**

4. Participation is evaluated on the basis of your general attendance, concentration, prior reading of the materials, and your contribution to class discussion.
5. Final grades will be given on the basis of the following scale: A=95; A<sup>-</sup>=90; B<sup>+</sup>=87; B=84; B<sup>-</sup>=80;..., D=60, E = below 60. To receive a final grade for the course, all assignments must be completed.

### Class Schedule

<b>M 8/27</b>	Introduction	
<b>W 8/29</b>	Sophocles, <i>Antigone</i> .	Read <i>Antigone</i> (the whole play)
<b>M 9/3</b>	<b>No Class (Labor Day)</b>	
<b>W 9/5</b>	Thucydides, <i>The Peloponnesian War</i>	Read <i>On Justice, Power, and Human Nature</i> , pp. 1-37
<b>M 9/10</b>	Thucydides, cont'd	Read pp. 39-95
<b>W 9/12</b>	Thucydides, cont'd	Read pp. 97-160
<b>M 9/17</b>	Plato, <i>Republic</i>	Read Book 1 (in full)
<b>W 9/19</b>	Plato, <i>Republic</i>	Read Books 2, 3 (selections)
<b>M 9/24</b>	Plato, <i>Republic</i>	Read Books 4, 5 (selections)
<b>W 9/26</b>	Plato, <i>Republic</i>	Read Books 6, 7 (selections)
<b>M 10/1</b>	Plato, <i>Republic</i>	Read Books 8, 9 (selections)
<b>W 10/3</b>	<b>Mid-term Exam #1</b>	
<b>M 10/8</b>	<b>No Class (Fall Break)</b>	
<b>W 10/10</b>	The World of the Hebrews	Read <i>The Bible, Genesis, 1-26, Exodus, 19-24</i>
<b>M 10/15</b> (all)	The Beginning of Christianity  <b>[Paper #1 due]</b>	Read <i>The Gospel of Mark</i> ,  <i>The Gospel According to John, 1-2</i>
<b>W 10/17</b>	Pagan and Christian in the Roman Empire	Read <i>Romans</i>
<b>M 10/22</b>	The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire	
<b>W 10/24</b>	Cicero, <i>On Friendship</i>	Read <i>On the Good Life</i> , pp.172-227
<b>M 10/29</b>	Cicero, <i>On Friendship</i> [cont'd]	Read <i>On the Good Life</i> , pp.172-227

<b>W 10/31</b>	Boethius, <i>The Consolation of Philosophy</i>	Read Books 1 - 3
<b>M 11/5</b>	Boethius, <i>The Consolation of Philosophy</i>	Read Books 4 - 5
<b>W 11/7</b>	<b>Mid-term Exam #2</b>	
<b>M 11/12</b>	Dante	Read Cantos 1-12
<b>W 11/14</b>	Dante, cont'd	Read Cantos 13-24
<b>M 11/19</b>	Dante, cont'd <b>[Paper #2 due]</b>	Read Cantos 25-34
<b>W 11/21</b>	<b>No Class (Thanksgiving Break)</b>	
<b>M 11/26</b>	Christine, <i>The Book of the City of Ladies</i> (selections)	
<b>W 11/28</b>	Machiavelli, <i>The Prince</i>	Read Chapters 15-19
<b>M 12/3</b>	Shakespeare, <i>Hamlet</i>	Read <i>Hamlet</i> (the whole play)
<b>W 12/5</b>	Shakespeare, cont'd	
<b>M 12/10</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>	

**FINAL EXAM: December 17 (Monday) 12:00 - 3:00 PM**

