

Philosophical Perspectives on the Humanities  
Fall 2003

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Books:

The required books are available at the Seminary Coop.

1. Homer, *Iliad*, translated by Robert Fagles;
2. Plato, *Five Dialogues*, translated by G.M.A. Grube;
3. Plato, *Republic*, translated by G.M.A. Grube and revised by C.D.C. Reeve;
4. Aristophanes, *Four Plays by Aristophanes*, translated by Arrowsmith et al.
5. Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, translated by R. Crisp;
6. Sophocles, *Sophocles I*, translated by David Grene

Requirements and Policies:

There are three components of the work required of you:

1. Complete the assigned reading before coming to class. Completing the assignment involves being ready with some thoughts and/or questions for discussion;
2. Participate in all writing workshops;
3. Write three 4-6 page papers; the first is due Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, the second is due Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, and the third is due Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Grades: Each paper will count for 25% of your final grade. The remaining 25% will depend on your participation in class discussion and in the writing workshops.

Late Papers: If you will be unable to turn a paper in on time, you must ask for an extension a week in advance (unless there is an emergency). Otherwise, papers will lose a 1/3 of a letter grade for each day they are late.

Readings:

Week 1:

9/30 Introduction: Homer, *Iliad* I

10/2 *Iliad* Books I, II.1-394, 895-89, 3, 4, 6, 8.1-223, 9

Week 2:

10/7 *Iliad* Books 12, 16, 18, 19, 20.554-end, 21.1-409, 591-end

10/9 *Iliad* Books 22, 23, 24

Week 3:

10/13 Paper 1 due

10/14 Plato, *Euthyphro*

10/16 *Euthyphro*

Week 4:

10/21 Plato, *Apology*

10/23 Aristophanes, *Clouds*

Week 5:

10/28 Plato, *Meno*

10/30 *Meno*

Week 6:

11/4 *Republic* I-II

11/6 *Republic* II-IV

Week 7:

11/10 Paper 2 due

11/11 *Republic* IV, V.449a-457b

11/13 *Republic* VI.502c-VII.521a

Week 8:

11/18 *Nicomachean Ethics* I

11/20 *Nicomachean Ethics* II.1-7, VI.1-2

Week 9:

11/25 *Nicomachean Ethics* VI.7, 13; X.7-8

11/27 Thanksgiving; no class

Week 10:

12/2 *Oedipus Rex*

12/3 Paper 3 due

12/4 Reading period; no class