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

FACULTY

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James Stoner, Political Science
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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:

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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


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


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


**OPTIONAL TEXTS**


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**Syllabus of Readings and Assignments**

**Aug. 25 M**

**LECTURE**
Introduction to Course

**SEMINAR**
Introduction to Course

**Aug. 27 W**

**LECTURE**
Introduction to Early Greece and the Bronze Age
Pomeroy, *A Brief History of Ancient Greece*, pp. 1-35

**SEMINAR**
Introduction to Seminar

**Aug. 29 F**

**LECTURE**
Homerian Epic: War, the Anger of Achilles, and the Greek Gods
Homer, *Iliad*, Introduction, pp. 12-44
Books 1-2

**SEMINAR**
Sept. 1 M  LABOR DAY

Sept. 3 W  LECTURE
Homer's World: The Greek "Dark Age"
Pomeroy, *A Brief History*, pp. 36-59

SEMINAR
Military and Domestic Lives:
Paris and Helen; Hektor and Andromache
Homer, *Iliad*, Books 4-6

Ross

Sep. 5 F  LECTURE
The Ordinary and Extraordinary Homeric Hero
Homer, *Iliad*, Books 7-9

SEMINAR
Homer, *Iliad*, Books 7-9

Zerba

Sep. 8 M  LECTURE
The Ties That Bind: Achilles and the Death of Patroklos
Homer, *Iliad*, Books 16-17

SEMINAR
Homer, *Iliad*, Books 16-17

Zerba

Sep. 10 W  LECTURE
The Shield of Achilles: the Art of War and the War in Art
Homer, *Iliad*, Books 18-19

SEMINAR
Achilles' Rampage
Homer, *Iliad*, Books 20-21

Zerba

Sep. 12 F  LECTURE
The Anger of Achilles and the Grief of Priam
Homer, *Iliad*, Books 22-24

SEMINAR
The Funeral Games for Patroklos
Homer, *Iliad*, Books 22-24

Zerba

Sep. 15 M  LECTURE
The Telemachy and Male Coming of Age
Homer, *Odyssey*, Books 1-4

SEMINAR
Homer, *Odyssey*, Books 1-4

Stoner

Sep. 17 W  LECTURE
Odyssean Females and the World of the Phaiakians
Homer, *Odyssey*, Books 5-8

SEMINAR
Homer, *Odyssey*, Books 5-8

Stoner

**PAPER #1 DUE**
Sep. 19  F  LECTURE
The Hero of the Great Wanderings
Homer, *Odyssey*, Books 9-12

SEMINAR
Homer, *Odyssey*, Books 9-12

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Sep. 22  M  LECTURE
The Return to Ithaka:
Disguise and Recognition
Homer, *Odyssey*, Books 14, 16, 18-19

SEMINAR
Homer, *Odyssey*, Books 14, 16, 18-19
Sep. 24  W  LECTURE
Penelope's Motives and Odysseus' Revenge
Homer, *Odyssey*, Books 20-23

SEMINAR
Homer, *Odyssey*, Book 20-23

Sep. 26  F  **EXAM #1**

Sep. 29  M  LECTURE
Archaic Age Poetry: Sappho
*7 Greeks*, pp. 69-116

SEMINAR
Archaic Age Poetry
Archilochos, Alkman, Anakreon
*7 Greeks*, pp. 23-68, 117-157

Oct. 1  W  LECTURE
The Rise of the Polis: Introduction to Herodotus
Pomeroy, *A Brief History*, pp. 61-80; 91-109

SEMINAR
Herodotus: Early Athens and Sparta
Herodotus, *The Histories*, I.1-5, 56-68

Oct. 3  F  LECTURE
Background of the Persian Wars
Pomeroy, *A Brief History*, pp. 122-126

SEMINAR
Croesus of Lydia and Solon of Athens

**REWRITE OF PAPER #1 DUE**

Oct. 6  M  LECTURE
Archaic Athens
Pomeroy, *A Brief History*, pp. 110-122

SEMINAR
Greek Tyranny

Oct. 8  W  LECTURE
Growth of the Persian Empire
Pomeroy, *A Brief History*, pp. 127-132

SEMINAR
The Marathon Campaign
Herodotus, *The Histories*, 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, *A Brief History*, pp. 132-137

SEMINAR
Oct. 15  W  LECTURE
Introduction to Greek Tragedy
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
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
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
Pomeroy, *A Brief History*, pp. 138-177

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

**PAPER #2 DUE**
Oct. 24  F  LECTURE
Greek Oratory
Pomeroy, *A Brief History*, pp. 189-193
Freeman, *The Murder of Herodes*, pp. 9-39

SEMINAR
Greek Domestic Life: Husbands, Wives, and Lovers
Freeman, *The Murder of Herodes:

Oct. 27  M  LECTURE
Tragic Adaptations of the Homeric Hero
Sophocles, *Philoctetes* (whole play)

SEMINAR
Revisiting Achilles and Odysseus: Revenge, Duty, and Pity
Sophocles, *Philoctetes* (whole play)

Oct. 29  W  LECTURE
Tradition and Iconoclasm
Euripides, *Medea* (whole play)

SEMINAR
Achillean Heroes and Odyssean Rogues: Medea and Jason
Euripides, *Medea* (whole play)

Oct. 31  F  **EXAM # 2**

Nov.  3  M  LECTURE
Origins of Peloponnesian War and Introduction to Thucydides
Pomeroy, *A Brief History*, pp. 193-198

SEMINAR

Nov.  5  W  LECTURE
Thucydides and the Leadership of Pericles
Pomeroy, *A Brief History*, pp. 200-208

SEMINAR

Nov.  7  F  LECTURE
Thucydides: The Greeks at War
Pomeroy, *A Brief History*, pp. 209-223

SEMINAR
Debating Power and Justice

Nov. 10  M  LECTURE
Philosophy and the City 1
Aristophanes, *Clouds* (whole play)

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