Structured Liberal Education
Autumn 2010–2011

For updates and for Theme Teams, weekly SeLEct art and occasional SLE Challenges, consult http://slesyllabus.pbworks.com.

WEEK ONE
SLE and the Humanities

Tuesday, September 21
3:30   What is the Socratic Method?   Professor Rob Reich (Political Science)
6:00   SLE Orientation: Why Study the Classics?

Wednesday, September 22
3:15   Discussion Seminars
6:00   Greek Myth.   Professor Richard Martin (Classics)

Thursday, September 23
3:15   Discussion Seminars
6:00   Critical Film Viewing.   Dr. Greg Watkins (SLE)   FILM: La Jetée (Marker, 1966; 28”)

Readings:
Plato, “Euthyphro,” in The Last Days of Socrates, pp. 7–27
Hesiod (selections, to be distributed)
WEEK TWO  The Hebrew Bible

Tuesday, September 28
3:30 Ancient Life.
6:00 Genesis. Professor Steven Weitzman (Religious Studies)

Wednesday, September 29
3:15 Discussion Seminars
6:00 Exodus. Professor Charlotte Fonrobert (Religious Studies)

Thursday, September 30
3:15 Discussion Seminars
6:00 FILM: Crimes and Misdemeanors (Allen, 1989: 104”)

Readings:
Genesis, 1–50 (Oxford Bible)
Exodus, 1–20 (Oxford Bible)

WEEK THREE  Buddhism and The Bhagavad Gita

Tuesday, October 5
10am First version of Paper #1 due
3:30 Buddhism I. Professor Mark Mancall (History)
6:00 Buddhism II. Professor Mark Mancall (History)

Wednesday, October 6
3:15 Discussion Seminars
6:00 The Gita. Professor Mark Mancall (History)

Thursday, October 7
3:15 Discussion Seminars
5:45 SLE SALON: Buddhist Music, with Trent Walker (note earlier start time)

Readings:
The Heart Sutra (to be distributed)
The Bhagavad Gita
Saturday, October 8
7pm  Polyphemus BBQ at Lake Lag! (all SLE years invited)

WEEK FOUR  The Odyssey and Greek Culture

Tuesday, October 12
10am  Final version of Paper #1 due
3:30  The Odyssey I.  Professor Richard Martin (Classics)
6:00  The Odyssey II.  Professor Richard Martin (Classics)

Wednesday, October 13
3:15  Discussion Seminars
6:00  Greek History I.  Professor Ian Morris (Classics)

Thursday, October 14
3:15  Discussion Seminars
6:00  Theme Team Presentations (details tba)

Readings:
Homer, The Odyssey

WEEK FIVE  Justice in Athens

Tuesday, October 19
10am  First version of Paper #2 due
3:30  The Last Days of Socrates.  Professor Marsh McCall (Classics)
6:15  The Oresteia.  Professor Rush Rehm (Drama and Classics)  (note later start time)

Wednesday, October 20
3:15  Discussion Seminars
6:00  Socrates on Trial.  Dr. Sabol and Dr. Watkins (SLE)

Thursday, October 21
3:15  Discussion Seminars
6:00  FILM: Never on Sunday (Dassin, 1960; 97")

Readings:
Aeschylus, The Oresteia
Plato, “Crito,” in The Last Days of Socrates, pp. 76–92

WEEK SIX  Symposium, Sappho, and Song of Songs

Tuesday, October 26
10am  Final version of Paper #2 due
3:30  Plato’s Symposium.  Professor Joshua Landy (French and Italian)
6:00  Song of Songs.  Professor Charlotte Fonrobert (Religious Studies)

Wednesday, October 27
3:15  Discussion Seminars
6:00  Sappho.  Professor Anastasia-Erasmia Peponi (Classics)

Thursday, October 28
3:15  Discussion Seminars
6:00  SLE SALON: Cantor Center for Visual Arts (details tba)

Readings:
Plato, Symposium
Song of Solomon (Oxford Bible)
Sappho, Poems and Fragments

WEEK SEVEN  Plato’s Republic

Tuesday, November 2
10am  Rewrite of Paper #2 due
3:30  The Republic.  Professor Christopher Bobonich (Philosophy)
6:00  Greek Music.  Professor Pauline LeVen (Classics, Yale University)

Wednesday, November 3
3:15  Discussion Seminars
6:00  Greek Art.  Dr. Patrick Hunt

Thursday, November 4
3:15  Discussion Seminars
6:00  The Classical Legacy.  Professor Caroline Winterer (History)

Readings:
Plato, The Republic

WEEK EIGHT

Tuesday, November 9
10am  First version of Paper #3 due
3:15  Aristotle’s Ethics.  Professor Josh Ober (Political Science) (note earlier start time)
6:00  Aristotle’s Politics.  Professor Josh Ober (Political Science)

Wednesday, November 10
3:15  Discussion Seminars
6:00  Greek History II.  Professor Ian Morris (Classics)

Thursday, November 11
3:15  Discussion Seminars
6:00  FILM: My Dinner with Andre (Malle, 1981; 110”)

Readings:
From Aristotle: Selections
Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics selections (pp. 347 – 391; 398 – 410; 433 – 449)
Aristotle, Politics selections (pp. 450 – 516)

WEEK NINE

Mark and Romans

Monday, November 15
7:00pm  Stanford Presidential Lecture, “American Grace: The Changing Role of Religion in America” (recommended, not required)

Tuesday, November 16
10am  Final version of Paper #3 due
1:00  Special event:  Tea and cookies with Professor Robert Putnam (Harvard) on the subject of religion in America (attendance encouraged but not required)
3:45  Who was Jesus?  Professor Thomas Sheehan (Religious Studies) (note later start time)
6:00  Gospel of Mark.  Dr. Barbara Pitkin (Religious Studies)

Wednesday, November 17
3:15 Discussion Seminars
6:00 Saint Paul. Dr. Kirsti Copeland

Thursday, November 18
3:15 Discussion Seminars
6:00 SLE PLAY: Lysistrata

Readings:
The Gospel According to Mark (Oxford Bible)
The Letter of Paul to the Romans (Oxford Bible)

WEEK TEN Rome and The Aeneid

Tuesday, November 30
3:30 Historical background
6:00 The Aeneid I. Professor Christian Kaesser (Classics)

Wednesday, December 1
3:15 Discussion Seminars
6:00 The Aeneid II. Dr. Jacob Mackey (SLE)

Thursday, December 2
3:15 Discussion Seminars
5:30 SLE SALON DINNER (Alondra dining hall)
Guest Speaker: Professor Rob Reich (Political Science)

Readings:
Vergil, The Aeneid

FINAL EXAM Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 – 10:00pm
Disability statement: Students who have a disability that may necessitate an academic accommodation or the use of auxiliary aids and services in a class must first request assistance with the Disability Resource Center (DRC). The DRC will evaluate the request with required documentation, recommend appropriate accommodations, and prepare a verification letter dated in the current academic term in which the request is made. Please contact the DRC as soon as possible; timely notice is needed to arrange for appropriate accommodations.
BOOKS TO BE PURCHASED (available at Stanford Bookstore and elsewhere)

The Last Days of Socrates

The New Oxford Annotated Bible (paperback and 'college editions' are fine)
Hardcover: Oxford University Press, USA; 3 edition (February 2, 2007)

The Bhagavad Gita

Homer's Odyssey, translator Lombardo

Oresteia (Aeschylus)
* Paperback: Penguin Classics (February 7, 1984)

Symposium
* Paperback: Hackett Pub Co Inc (May 1989)

Sappho
* Paperback: Hackett Publishing Company (March 2002)

Plato's Republic

Aristotle: Selections

The Aeneid (translated by Fagles)

NOTES:
The Stanford Bookstore will carry copies of these books, new and used.
Green Library will have a copy of each of these titles available on reserve.
There is a SLE alum "book market" that will be updated and available in the Fall (to buy books being offered by former SLE students)

This is not an exhaustive list; there will be additional readings and possibly additional books.