Structured Liberal Education Syllabus: Syllabi: Fall 2008

SLE SYLLABUS FALL 2008

Listing of course texts

PAPER TOPICS

Section and Tutor assignments

WEEK 1 THE EXAMINED LIFE
Tuesday, September 23rd
3:15pm What is the Socratic Method?, Professor Rob Reich, Political Science
6:00pm The Last Days of Socrates, Professor Marsh McCall, Classics

Wednesday, September 24th
3:15pm Seminar meetings
6:00pm Sophocles' Antigone, Professor John Heath, Classics, Santa Clara University

Thursday, September 25th
3:15pm Seminar meetings
6:00pm How to Watch a Film, Greg Watkins, SLE

READING:
Plato's Apology and Crito; Sophocles' Antigone

WEEK 2 MYTH: GENESIS AND THEOGONY
Tuesday, September 30th
3:15pm Myth and Beginning: Genesis and Theogony, Professor Susan Stephens, Classics
6:00pm NO CLASS (Rosh Hashanah)

Wednesday, October 1st
3:15pm Seminar meetings
6:00pm Natural Knowledge Contained in Myth, Visiting Scholar Adrienne Mayor, Classics

Thursday, October 2nd
10:00am PAPER DUE: First draft of paper question one
3:15pm Seminar meetings
6:00pm MOVIE: Black Orpheus (Marcel Camus, 1959, 100 min.)

READING:
Tanakh: Genesis 1-11; Hesiod's Theogony and Works and Days (selections available on Coursework)

FRIDAY 10/3 to SATURDAY 10/4 -- the 24 hour Odyssey reading event! (details to follow)

WEEK 3 HOMER'S ODYSSEY
Tuesday, October 7th
10:00am PAPER DUE: Final draft of question one
3:45pm Introduction to Homer's Odyssey, Professor Mark Edwards, Classics (***NOTE LATER START TIME***)
5:00pm Professor Edwards will have dinner in East Flo
Wednesday, October 8th
3:15pm Seminar meetings
6:00pm Homer's Odyssey Continued, Dr. Maud Gleason, Classics
7:00pm Maud Gleason will have dinner in East Flo

Thursday, October 9th
3:15pm Seminar meetings
6:00pm Contempt (Godard, 1963, 104 minutes)

Link to maps.

READING:
Homer's The Odyssey

SPECIAL EVENT, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th
Tom Stoppard's Rock 'n' Roll, San Francisco ACT, 2pm (details to follow!)

WEEK 4 FROM MYTH TO HISTORY
Tuesday, October 14th
3:15pm Herodotus and the History of Greece Continued, Professor Ian Morris, Classics
6:00pm Who Wrote the Hebrew Bible?, Suzanne Greenberg, SLE

Wednesday, October 15th
3:15pm Seminar meetings
6:00pm Exodus, Professor Charlotte Fonrobert, Religious Studies

Thursday, October 16th
10:00am PAPER DUE: First draft of question two
3:15pm Seminar meetings
6:00pm MOVIE: Thou Shalt Not Kill (Kieslowski, 1988, 55 min.)
7:30pm SPECIAL EVENT: Vertigo (Hitchcock) at Stanford Theater -- Free admission for SLE students (optional event)

READINGS:
Tanakh: Genesis 12-50, Exodus 1-20; Herodotus, The Histories (selections available on Coursework)

WEEK 5 GODS TO GOVERNMENT
Tuesday, October 21st
10:00am PAPER DUE: Final draft of question two
3:15pm The Oresteia (or, "Orestes: Oh yes he did"), Professor John Heath, Classics, Santa Clara University
6:00pm The Books of Samuel, Professor Nathaniel Deutsch, UC Santa Cruz

Wednesday, October 22nd
3:15pm Seminar meetings
6:00pm Reading period

Thursday, October 23rd
3:15pm Seminar meetings
6:00pm MOVIE: Crimes and Misdemeanors (Woody Allen, 1989, 104 min.)

READINGS:
Aeschylus, The Oresteia; Tanakh: 1 Samuel (all), 2 Samuel 1-19:15

RECOMMENDED STANFORD EVENT: Stanford Presidential Lecture in Humanities and Arts
Seyla Benhabib, "Cosmopolitan Norms, Human Rights, and Democratic Iterations"
**WEEK 6 LOVE IN THE ANCIENT WORLD**

**Tuesday, October 28th**

**3:45pm** Plato's Symposium, Professor A. A. Long, UC Berkeley  ***NOTE LATER STARTING TIME***

6:00pm The Song of Songs, Dr. Vered Shemtov, Taube Center for Jewish Studies, Stanford

**Wednesday, October 29th**

3:15pm Seminar meetings

6:00pm PERFORMANCE: Ancient Songs of Love and War, Diane de Laet

**Thursday, October 30th**

10:00am **PAPER DUE**: First draft of question three

3:15pm Seminar meetings

6:00pm MOVIE: Never on Sunday (Dassin, 1960, 97 min.)

**READINGS:**

Plato's *Symposium*; Tanakh: Song of Songs; Sappho, *Poems and Fragments*

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**WEEK 7 PLATO'S REPUBLIC**

**Tuesday, November 4th**

10:00am **PAPER DUE**: Final draft of question three

3:15pm Math and Greek Philosophy, Professor Reviel Netz, Classics, Philosophy, and History

6:00pm NO LECTURE (just election returns!)

**Wednesday, November 5th**

3:15pm Seminar meetings

6:00pm Plato's Republic, Professor Chris Bobonich, Philosophy and Classics

**Thursday, November 6th**

3:15pm Seminar meetings

6:00pm MOVIE: *La Jetee* (Marker, 1962, 28 min.)

**READINGS:**

Plato's *The Republic*

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**WEEK 8 GODS AND THE INDIVIDUAL**

**Tuesday, November 11th**

3:45pm The Bacchae, Professor John Heath, Classics, Santa Clara University  (**NOTE LATER START TIME**)

5:00pm Professor Heath will have dinner in the dining hall

6:00pm The Book of Job, Professor Nathaniel Deutsch, UC Santa Cruz

**Wednesday, November 12th**

10:00am **PAPER DUE**: First draft of question four

3:15pm Seminar meetings

6:00pm NO LECTURE (reading period)

**Thursday, November 13th**

3:15pm Seminar meetings

6:00pm MOVIE: Revolt of Job (Gyongyossy/Kabay, 1983, 98 min.)

**READINGS:**

Euripides' *The Bacchae*; Tanakh: Book of Job
WEEK 9 ARISTOTLE
Monday, November 17th
10:00am PAPER DUE: Final draft of question four

Tuesday, November 18th
3:45pm Aristotle's Ethics, Professor Dorothea Frede, UC Berkeley (**NOTE LATER START TIME**)
6:00pm Aristotle's Ethics, continued, Professor Dorothea Frede, UC Berkeley

Wednesday, November 19th
3:15pm Seminar meetings
6:00pm Aristotle’s Politics, Professor Josh Ober, Classics

Thursday, November 20th
3:15pm Seminar meetings
6:00pm SLE PLAY: LYSISTRATA, performed by the SLE Players

READINGS:
Aristotle’s Ethics: Books I-III, Book VI (1-8, 12, 13), and Book X (7-9); Aristotle’s Politics: Book I (1-9, 12, 13), Book II (1-12), Book III, Book IV (1-12), Book V (10-12), Book VI

WEEK 10
THANKSGIVING BREAK

WEEK 11 THE BHAGAVAD GITA
Tuesday, December 2nd
3:45pm The Gita, Dr. Linda Hess, Religious Studies (**NOTE LATER START TIME**)
5:00pm Dr. Hess will have dinner in East Flo
6:00pm The Gita, continued, Dr. Linda Hess, Religious Studies

Wednesday, December 3rd
3:15pm FINAL Seminar meetings

READINGS:
The Bhagavad Gita

TAKE-HOME EXAM
Handed out at 1:00pm on Friday, December 5th
Due at 3:00pm on Saturday, December 6th