

ILAS 4350: Liberal Studies Senior Seminar
Dr. Thomas Behr

Rome 2011

SYLLABUS

Course Description and Learning Objectives:

At the end of your undergraduate career, with a major in Liberal Studies, study in the Liberal Arts, we return to the basic issues of learning and life. Why “Liberal,” why “Arts”? What is the connection between Liberal Arts and the Great Books? What is a “Great Book”? As one commentator has pointed out, liberal learning is a life-long process: Senior Seminar is aimed at polishing your experience and skill with reading, thinking, writing and discussing, across disciplines, that will sustain you on whatever your path is through life.

Senior Seminar satisfies the Capstone requirement for the B.A. degree with a major in Liberal Studies.

Required Texts :

- electronic web-based texts to be assigned...

Assignments and Grading:

Reading “Previews” (appendix)	80%
Final Exam	15%
Preparation & Participation	5%