



Human Situation 1: Antiquity
Fall 2011 Team OMEGA Syllabus
Professors: Armstrong, Cremins, DiMattei,
Harvey, Little, Valier, Zecher

Plenary Lecture: M-W-F, 11-11:50am, Melcher Hall 170

Note: The professors will distribute syllabi in each discussion section with more specific policy guidelines for those classes. The policies listed here are either general or concern the lecture class in particular.

More extensive discussion on the course's aims, study tips, and additional materials will be available online at the course website, <http://www.thehumansituation.com>.



Theme: The Living and The Dead



Required Booklist (these translations only!):

1. *The Egyptian Book of the Dead: The Book of Going Forth by Day – The Complete Papyrus of Ani* Featuring Integrated Text and Full-Color Images (Chronicle Books)
ISBN-13: 978-0811864893
2. Homer, *Odyssey* (trans. E. V. Rieu) (Penguin)
ISBN-13: 978-0140268867
3. Herodotus, *The History* (trans. D. Grene) (Univ. Chicago Press)
ISBN-13: 978-0226327723
4. *Hippocratic Writings* (Penguin)
ISBN-13: 978-0140444513
5. Sophocles, *Antigone* (trans. Gibbons & Segal) (OUP)
ISBN-13: 978-0195143102
6. Aristophanes, *Frogs* (trans. Barret) (Penguin)
ISBN-13: 978-0140449693
7. Plato, *Phaedrus* (trans. S. Scully) (Focus Publishing)
ISBN-13: 978-0941051545
8. Apuleius, *Golden Ass* (trans. E. J. Kennedy) (Penguin)
ISBN-13: 978-0140435900
9. *Approaching the Qur'an: The Early Revelations* (trans. & ed. Michael Sells) (White Cloud Press, 2nd edition 2007)

Additional texts will be distributed in class (see text TBD in the schedule).

I. Course Requirements.

For this Human Situation course, you will receive **two final grades**: one for the lecture portion of the class, and one for the discussion section. Each portion counts for three hours of credit. Your discussion section professor will handle the final grades for both portions.

Your section grade will be determined by three papers, your class participation, and whatever other elements your professor includes in the discussion section requirements (e.g., additional writing assignments, quizzes or a classroom presentation).

Your grade for the lecture portion of the class will be determined by a midterm written examination (Oct. 14, 30%), a lecture paper (due Oct. 31, 35%) and a final oral examination (to be scheduled sometime Dec. 5-9, 35%).

II. Policies and Notices.

Paper Submission:

All papers—whether for section or lecture—must be submitted to your discussion class list at Turnitin.com. Professors will also require a separate paper submission to them in class on the due date. Your professor will provide you with 1) a Turnitin class identification number and 2) a password in order to register with your discussion class on the web site. *Please set this up immediately, using only one email address for the whole semester.*

Academic Honesty:

Any student caught plagiarizing on papers or cheating on examinations will be failed. For more information on academic honesty policies and procedures, see the Student Handbook. (This section is also available at <http://www.uh.edu/dos/hdbk/acad/achonpol.html>.)

Absences from Lecture:

Attendance at lecture is required. Contact your professor about any absences, and make certain to get class notes from fellow students for days you missed. (For discussion group absence policies, see your professor's syllabus.)

Recording Lectures:

Audio or video recording of a lecture can only be done *with the approval of the lecturer.* Make sure to ask him/her before you begin recording.

Electronics in Lecture:

Students may not use any electronic devices during lecture (save for recording devices with approval of lecturer, see above). This includes cellular telephones, cameras, pagers, game devices, mp3 players, and laptop computers. Students who believe they may have a legitimate reason to use an electronic device should contact Dr. Armstrong to submit a request.

Disability Notice:

The University of Houston is committed to providing equal education opportunities for all students, and will make reasonable academic accommodations for students identified as disabled under the law. For more information, contact the Center for Students with Disabilities at 713-743-5400, or see their online explanation of policies and procedures at <http://www.uh.edu/csd/>.

Hum Sit Omega Fall 2011 Lecture Schedule

Week	Date	Text	Lecturer	READING	ASSIGNMENT DUE
1.1	August 22	Introduction	Armstrong	none	
1.2	August 24	Book of Dead	Valier	tba	
1.3	August 26	Book of Dead	Valier	tba	
2.1	August 29	Hymn to Aten	Armstrong	Text tbd	
2.2	August 31	Egyptian Medical texts	Valier	Text tbd	
2.3	September 2	Genesis/Exodus	Armstrong	Text tbd	
3.1	September 5	Labor Day			
3.2	September 7	Genesis/Exodus	DiMattei	Text tbd	FIRST PAPER DUE
3.3	September 9	Genesis/Exodus	DiMattei	Text tbd	
4.1	September 12	Genesis/Exodus	DiMattei	Text tbd	
4.2	September 14	Odyssey	Cremins	1-4	
4.3	September 16	Odyssey	Cremins	5-8	
5.1	September 19	Odyssey	Harvey	9-12	
5.2	September 21	Odyssey	Little	13-16	
5.3	September 23	Odyssey	Harvey	17-20	
6.1	September 26	Odyssey	Harvey	21-24	
6.2	September 28	Odyssey Roundtable	<i>omnes</i>	none	
6.3	September 30	Herodotus	Armstrong	tba	SECOND PAPER DUE
7.1	October 3	Herodotus	Armstrong	tba	
7.2	October 5	Herodotus	Armstrong	tba	
7.3	October 7	Herodotus	Little	tba	
8.1	October 10	Hippocrates	Valier	tba	
8.2	October 12	Hippocrates	Valier	tba	
8.3	October 14	MIDTERM			
9.1	October 17	Antigone	Harvey	whole play	
9.2	October 19	Antigone	Cremins	whole play	
9.3	October 21	Antigone	Cremins	whole play	
10.1	October 24	Frogs	Harvey	whole play	
10.2	October 26	Frogs	Harvey	whole play	
10.3	October 28	Frogs	Harvey	whole play	
11.1	October 31	Phaedrus	Little	tba	LECTURE PAPER DUE
11.2	November 2	Phaedrus	Little	tba	
11.3	November 4	Phaedrus	DiMattei	tba	

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12.1	November 7	Phaedrus	Little	tba	
12.2	November 9	Golden Ass	DiMattei	pp. 7-71	
12.3	November 11	Golden Ass	Cremins	pp.71-106	
13.1	November 14	Golden Ass	Cremins	pp. 106-214	
13.2	November 16	Apocalypticism	Zecher	Text tbd	THIRD PAPER DUE
13.3	November 18	Paul	DiMattei	Text tbd	
14.1	November 21	Intro to Qur'an	Emran El-Badawi	tba	
14.2	November 23	Thanksgiving			
14.3	November 25	Thanksgiving			
15.1	November 28	Qur'an	Emran El-Badawi	tba	
15.2	November 30	Qur'an	Emran El-Badawi	tba	
15.3	December 2	Summation	Cremins	none	
	December 5-9	Oral Examination Period			