University of California, Davis
Course Outline - Catalog Content

Course Information

Status: Active
Subject: COM 001
Title: Major Works of the Ancient World
Units: 4.0
School: College of Letters and Science LS
Department: Comparative Literature COM
Effective Term: 2019 Fall Quarter

Learning Activities

- Lecture/Discussion - 4.0 hours

Description

Introduction, through class discussion and frequent written assignments, to some of the major works of the ancient world (up to 5th century CE) such as The Odyssey, the Bible, Augustine’s Confessions, and works by Plato and Confucius. Examined genres include religious texts, the epic, philosophy, drama, poetry. GE Prior to Fall 2011: ArtHum, Wrt. GE: AH, WC, WE.

Prerequisites

Completion of Entry Level Writing Requirement.

Expanded Course Description

Summary of Course Content:

This course introduces the methods of inquiry applied to critical reading and the practice of writing employing these methods. The course examines major works of the ancient world (up to 5th Century CE) including Western as well as non-Western civilizations. In addition to the Bible, students study foundational literary genres such as the ancient epic, philosophical and religious texts, drama, and lyric poetry. These works are situated in their historical-cultural milieu, and students will also critically analyze key developments in Western and non-Western civilizations represented by these major works.

Illustrative Reading:

Bible; The Odyssey; Plato; Confucius; Augustine’s Confessions.

Potential Course Overlap:

None

Final Exam:

No Final Exam