

FUNDAMENTALS: ISSUES AND TEXTS

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ABOUT FUNDAMENTALS

The Fundamentals program enables students to concentrate on questions and issues that intrigue them by reading texts that articulate and speak to these questions. It seeks to foster precise and thoughtful pursuit of these questions by means of (1) rigorous training in the interpretation of texts, supported by (2) extensive training in at least one foreign language, and by (3) the acquisition of the knowledge, approaches, and skills of various disciplines: historical, religious, literary, scientific, political, and philosophical.

RATIONALE

A richly informed question or concern formulated by each student guides the reading of texts. Classic texts are also informed by such questions; for example, Socrates asks: What is virtue? What is the good? What is justice? Aristotle and Cicero explore the relation of civic friendship to society. Freud asks: What is happiness? Can humans be happy? Milton investigates how poetic vocation may be related to political responsibility. Students who are engaged by these questions and others like them, and who find them both basic and urgent, may wish to continue to explore them more thoroughly and deeply within the structure of the program which provides the wherewithal to address them on a high level.

That wherewithal is to be found in the fundamental *texts* (historical, religious, literary, scientific, political, and philosophical) in which the great writers articulate and examine questions in different and competing ways. These books, films, pieces of music, and artworks illuminate the persisting questions and speak to contemporary concerns because they are both the originators and exacting critics of our current opinions. These texts serve as colleagues who challenge us to think that something else might actually be the case than what we already think. The most important questions may, at bottom, be the most contested, and those most susceptible to, and most requiring, sustained, probing engagement.

This program emphasizes the firsthand experience and knowledge of major texts, read and reread and reread again. Because they are difficult and complex, only a small number of such works can be studied. Yet the program proposes that intensively studying a profound work and incorporating it into one's thought and imagination prepares one for reading any important book or reflecting on any important issue. Read rapidly, such books are merely assimilated into preexisting experience and opinions; read intensively, they can transform and deepen experience and thought.

Studying fundamental texts is, by itself, not enough. Even to understand the texts themselves, supporting studies and training are necessary: a solid foundation in at least one foreign language and in disciplines and subject matters pertinent to the main questions of students are essential parts of the major. Students benefit from knowledge of the historical contexts out of which certain problems emerged or in which authors wrote; knowledge of specific subject matters and methods; knowledge of the language in which a text was originally written, as well as an understanding of the shape a given language imparts to a given author; fundamental skills of analysis, gathering evidence, reasoning, and criticism; different approaches and perspectives of conventional disciplines. All these are integral parts of the educational task.

INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM DESIGN

Genuine questions cannot be assigned to a student; they must arise from within. For this reason, a set curriculum is not imposed upon students. Each student's course of study must answer to his or her interests and concerns, and must begin from a distinctive concern. One student may be exercised about questions of science and religion; another about freedom and determinism; another about friendship and conversation; another by prudence, romance, and marriage; a fifth about distributive justice. Through close work with a suitably chosen faculty adviser, a student determines texts, text and author courses, and supporting courses as appropriate to address the student's Fundamentals question. Beginning with a student's questions and interests does not, however, imply an absence of standards or rigor; this program is most demanding.

ACTIVITIES OF GRADUATES

The Fundamentals program serves the purposes of liberal education, regarded as an end in itself, and offers no specific pre-professional training; yet Fundamentals graduates have successfully prepared for careers in the professions and in scholarship. Some are now pursuing work in law, medicine, journalism, government service, business, and education. Others have gone on to graduate school in numerous fields, including classics, comparative literature, English, history, philosophy, social thought, religious studies, psychology, political science, economics, mathematics, biology, and film studies.

FACULTY

The faculty of the Fundamentals program comprises scholars from various disciplines and divisions who represent interests and competencies in matters ancient and modern and expertise in different cultures and traditions. This diversity and pluralism exists within a common agreement about the primacy of fundamental questions and the centrality of important texts and reading them well. The intention is for the students to see and

work with a variety of scholars presenting their approaches to and understanding of books that they love, that they know well, and that are central to their ongoing concerns.

APPLICATION TO THE PROGRAM

Students should apply in **Autumn Quarter of their second year** to enter the program in their second year; the goals and requirements of the program are best met if students spend three years in the major. Students are interviewed and counseled in order to discover whether or not their interests and intellectual commitments would be best served by this program. Admissions are decided on the basis of the application statement, interviews, and previous academic performance.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The Fundamentals program comprises (a) **13 courses**, (b) the **Junior Paper**, and (c) the **Senior Examination**, for a total of 1500 units.

A. Course Work

1. **Gateway Course (1 course) (Autumn Quarter or Winter Quarter):** This course is specifically designed for the incoming cohort of Fundamentals students and is a mandatory part of the program. It is devoted to the close reading of one or two texts or the works of a single author, chosen because they raise challenging questions and present important and competing answers. Through this course, students will study a variety of ways in which a text can respond to their concerns and can compel consideration of its own questions.
2. **Text/Author Courses (7 courses).** The seven Text/Author courses are devoted to the study of one or two particular texts or the work of a particular author. Text/Author courses are generally cross-listed as FNDL courses in Class Search (<http://registrar.uchicago.edu/classes/>); if a relevant course is not cross-listed, the student should contact the coordinator to see if it can be counted towards the major. In years when the Gateway Course is offered in Autumn Quarter, entering students are required to take at least one Text/Author course in Winter Quarter; in years when the Gateway Course is offered in Winter Quarter, entering students are expected to take at least one Text/Author course in Autumn Quarter.

The Text/Author Courses and the Gateway Course—eight courses total—give each student the opportunity to develop a list of **six texts** that will become the basis of his or her Senior Exam (see below). This list should contain works in the area of the student's primary interest that examine that interest from diverse perspectives. One of the six must be studied in an original language other than English, the same language in which the student establishes competency (any exceptions must be approved by the chair).
3. **Supporting Courses (4 courses).** These are courses that complement the student's program, providing historical context, theoretical and methodological training, or other complements. They do not have to be listed as FNDL to satisfy this requirement, but they must be explicitly identified as supporting courses in consultation with the student's adviser.
4. **Foreign Language (1 course).** The Fundamentals language requirement is designed with the belief that the texts you study in the program should come from diverse cultures and be appreciated in their original languages. In many cases, two years of formal language study will provide enough proficiency to analyze a non-Anglophone text in part or in whole. However, this is not true of all languages or all language learners. In cases where the target language requires more study to reach fluency, a student can prove proficiency through alternative routes. For example, a student could take a course in which the text will be studied in English translation, but agree with the instructor to read the text, in whole or in part, in its original language. In these cases, the instructor must be proficient in that language and be able to certify (in a short email to the Fundamentals coordinator and chair) that the student has engaged deeply with the text in its original language. The student could also study the text in its original language in an Independent Study course. In rare cases, the student could study the text on the student's own and be given a sight-reading exam. The last two options are left to the discretion of the instructor, who need not be a Fundamentals core faculty member. In both cases, the instructor communicates with the program coordinator about proficiency. All students should be prepared to be examined on their non-Anglophone text in their Senior Examination and must demonstrate proficiency therein by citing passages from the original-language text.

B. The Junior Paper

In the Winter or Spring Quarter of their junior year, students write an extended essay called the Junior Paper. This project provides the opportunity for students to originate and formulate a serious inquiry into an important issue arising out of their work and to pursue the inquiry extensively and in depth in a paper of about twenty to twenty-five pages (roughly 8,000 to 10,000 words). At every stage in the preparation of the paper, students work closely with their Fundamentals faculty adviser. Students register in FNDL 29901, the Junior Paper Seminar, in the quarter in which they write the paper. Acceptance of a successful Junior Paper is a prerequisite for admission to the senior year of the program.

C. The Senior Examination

At the end of Week Six in the Spring Quarter of their senior year, students are examined on six texts they have studied in the context of their Text/Author courses and approved independent study courses. Preparation for this examination allows students to review and integrate their full course of study. During a three-day period,

students write two substantial essays on questions designed for them by the associated faculty. The examination has a pedagogical intention, more than a qualifying one; its purpose is to allow students to demonstrate how they have related and integrated their questions, texts, and disciplinary studies. To take the examination, students register in FNDL 29902 in the Spring Quarter (or, with the consent of the chair, in the Autumn or Winter Quarters if there are scheduling issues).

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

The Gateway Course	100
Seven Text/Author Courses	700
Four Supporting Courses	400
Third quarter of second-year foreign language *	100
FNDL 29901 Fundamentals Junior Paper Colloquium	100
FNDL 29902 Fundamentals Senior Examination	100
Total Units	1500

* or credit for the equivalent, determined by petition

GRADING, ADVISING, AND HONORS

Grading. The Junior Paper and Senior Examination (FNDL 29901 and FNDL 29902) are graded Pass/Fail; all other courses within the major must be taken for quality grades. Independent study courses must include a term paper, and students should be prepared to request statements of reference or evaluation from faculty with whom they have worked in this capacity.

Advising. Each student has a faculty adviser who is assigned to the student on the basis of their mutual interests and areas of expertise. The adviser closely monitors the student's choice of texts, courses, and language studies, allowing for the gradual development of a fitting and coherent program. The faculty adviser may also oversee the student's Junior Paper and is responsible for approving the final list of texts for the Senior Exam. In addition, the program coordinator is available for advice and consultation on all aspects of the program.

Honors. Honors are awarded by the Fundamentals faculty to students who have performed with distinction in the program. Special attention is paid to both the Junior Paper and the Senior Exam.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023–24 COURSES

Gateway Course (required for all incoming Fundamentals majors)

FNDL 21650. Kafka's The Trial. 100 Units.

This very close reading of Kafka's arguably most well known unfinished novel means to move away from megalithic glosses of Kafka as a writer of allegory-of bureaucratic oppression, social alienation, and a world abandoned by God, etc.-instead to look deeply at Kafka's precision, and strategic imprecision, of language, language as trauma, wound, and axe. Knowledge of German is not necessary.

Instructor(s): M. Sternstein Terms Offered: Autumn

Prerequisite(s): open only to Fundamentals majors. all other majors need consent of instructor.

Equivalent Course(s): REES 22009, GNSE 21650

The Junior Paper and Senior Examination

FNDL 29900. Reading Courses: Fundamentals. 100 Units.

Open only to Fundamentals students with consent of faculty supervisor and program chair
Terms Offered: Summer

FNDL 29901. Fundamentals Junior Paper Colloquium. 100 Units.

Fundamentals students are required to register for and attend the Junior Paper Colloquium in Winter of their third year. This seminar provides structure and feedback during the Junior Paper writing process. Graded on a pass/fail basis, but unfinished Junior Papers will result in an "incomplete" grade. Occasionally also offered in Spring if a significant number of students successfully petition to write the Junior Paper that quarter.

Terms Offered: Summer. Typically offered in Winter, occasionally offered in other quarters if multiple students are approved to write the JP late.

Prerequisite(s): Open only to third-year Fundamentals students.

FNDL 29902. Fundamentals Senior Examination. 100 Units.

Fundamentals students are required to register for this seminar in the quarter in which they will take their Senior Exam, typically in Spring. Exceptions to this can only be made with the consent of the program chair. This course does not have a set meeting time but is instead intended to create time in students' schedules to prepare for the exam. This course must be taken for a Pass/Fail grade.

Terms Offered: Autumn Spring Summer Winter. Typically offered in Spring. Occasionally may be taken in Autumn or Winter for students taking their exams early.

Prerequisite(s): Open to fourth-year Fundamentals students.

AUTUMN QUARTER COURSES

FNDL 20301. Beginning the Chinese Novel. 100 Units.

This course will look at the four great novels of sixteenth-century China: Romance of the Three Kingdoms, Water Margin, Journey to the West, and Plum in the Golden Vase. Deeply self-conscious about the process of their own creation and their place within the larger literary canon, these novels deploy multiple frames, philosophical disquisitions, invented histories, and false starts before the story can properly begin. By focusing on the first twelve chapters of each novel, this course will serve as both an introduction to the masterworks of Chinese vernacular literature and an exploration of the fraught beginnings of a new genre.

Instructor(s): A. Fox Terms Offered: Autumn

Note(s): Not offered in 2023-24. Open to MAPH students.

Equivalent Course(s): EALC 15100

FNDL 21300. James Joyce: Ulysses. 100 Units.

This course considers themes that include the problems of exile, homelessness, and nationality; the mysteries of paternity and maternity; the meaning of the Return; Joyce's epistemology and his use of dream, fantasy, and hallucinations; and Joyce's experimentation with and use of language.

Instructor(s): S. Meredith Terms Offered: Spring

Equivalent Course(s): ENGL 21301

FNDL 21450. Coptic Bible. 100 Units.

The Coptic versions of the Bible present one of the earliest translations of Christian scripture as the new religion spread. Understanding how the Bible (canonical and non-canonical) was read and used in Egypt at this early stage implies studying the development of Christian communities in those agitated times, as well as paying attention to questions of literacy and linguistic environment, book production, Bible (both Greek and Coptic) on papyrus, and translation and interpretation in Antiquity. The course will draw on materials assembled from my work on the critical edition of the Gospel of Mark, but will also look into other materials like the Coptic Old Testament, and non-canonical scriptures such as Nag Hammadi and the Gnostic scriptures. No previous knowledge of Coptic is required. A brief introduction to the Coptic language will be part of the class, and parallel sessions of additional language instruction will be planned for those who are interested in learning more.

Instructor(s): S. Torallas Terms Offered: Autumn. This course meets the HS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students.

Equivalent Course(s): NEHC 34118, CLCV 24118, RLST 21450, MDVL 24118, BIBL 31418, CLAS 34118, NEHC 24118

FNDL 21650. Kafka's The Trial. 100 Units.

This very close reading of Kafka's arguably most well known unfinished novel means to move away from megalithic glosses of Kafka as a writer of allegory-of bureaucratic oppression, social alienation, and a world abandoned by God, etc.-instead to look deeply at Kafka's precision, and strategic imprecision, of language, language as trauma, wound, and axe. Knowledge of German is not necessary.

Instructor(s): M. Sternstein Terms Offered: Autumn

Prerequisite(s): open only to Fundamentals majors. all other majors need consent of instructor.

Equivalent Course(s): REES 22009, GNSE 21650

FNDL 21805. Introduction to Marx. 100 Units.

This introduction to Marx's thought will divide into three parts: in the first, we will consider Marx's theory of history; in the second, his account of capitalism; and in third, his conception of the state. (A)

Instructor(s): Anton Ford Terms Offered: Autumn

Equivalent Course(s): PHIL 21423

FNDL 21815. Karl Marx: Capital, Volume I. 100 Units.

In this seminar, we study Marx's mature critique of political economy through a close reading of Capital, vol. 1. Our primary concern is to clarify the aims, method, and basic concepts of the text. Enrollment is limited to undergraduates who have completed their SOSC requirement.

Instructor(s): Sarah Johnson Terms Offered: Autumn

Prerequisite(s): Social Sciences Core

Note(s): Enrollment is limited to undergraduates who have completed their SOSC requirement.

Equivalent Course(s): LLSO 28038, PLSC 28038

FNDL 22035. The Acts of Paul and Thecla and the Pastoral Epistles. 100 Units.

In the early second century there were bitter battles over the legacy of Paul and his preserved letters in terms of gender, sexuality, family life, asceticism, church administration, and theological vision. We can see these well by reading the narrative text The Acts of Paul and Thecla alongside the "Pastoral Epistles" (1 and 2 Timothy, Titus), the former championing a female, cross-dressing ascetic Christ-missionary and the latter, in pseudepigraphical epistolary texts written in the dead Paul's name, insisting on patriarchal family life and women's adherence to traditional roles. In this course we shall read both sets of texts carefully in Greek, noting points of similarity and contestation, and test various models of how these sources-each of which seeks to "fix" the Pauline legacy in its own way-are related to one another. Time allowing, we shall also look at the later reception of the cult of Saint Thecla and late antique interpretations of "the apostle," Paul, on these issues of sexuality and gender roles, and their perduring influence in contemporary debates.

Instructor(s): Margaret Mitchell Terms Offered: Autumn

Prerequisite(s): At least one year of Greek, or equivalent.

Note(s): This course meets the HS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students.

Equivalent Course(s): GNSE 22035, RLST 22035, HCHR 42035, GREK 37423, GNSE 42035, GREK 27423, BIBL 42035

FNDL 22314. Philo of Alexandria. 100 Units.

In this course we will read the Greek text of Philo's *de opificio mundi*, with other brief excerpts here and there in the Philonic corpus. Our aim will be to use this treatise to elucidate the thought and character of one of the most prolific theological writers of the first century. We will seek to understand Philo as a Greek author and the nature and origins of his style, Philo as a proponent of middle Platonism, and Philo as a Jew in the context of Alexandrian Judaism. We will also examine his use of the allegorical method as an exegetical tool, and its implications for pagan, Jewish and early Christian approaches to sacred texts.

Instructor(s): David Martinez Terms Offered: Autumn

Prerequisite(s): At least 2 years of Greek.

Equivalent Course(s): RLST 23314, BIBL 44500, GREK 24600, GREK 34600

FNDL 22333. Cassandras: Truth-Telling in Times of Crisis. 100 Units.

In public life, why and how are some people accepted as truth-tellers while others are not? Is truth simply a problem of and for "correct" reasoning? What assumptions about argumentation and evidence go unexplored in this way of framing the problem? What if truth were a problem of truth-telling instead? When and how do social, racial, and gender hierarchies authorize received understandings of a (credible) truth-teller? What is credible telling usually thought to sound like? What are the conditions for listening and hearing the truth? To think through these questions, we take as a lens the archetype of Cassandra, the babbling prophetess of classical Greek myth and tragedy doomed not to be believed. Cassandra has served as a resource and source of inspiration for a range of critical thinkers, including but not limited to theorists, feminists, poets, and novelists. What is a "Cassandra"? Does her "deranged" way of seeing the world - her prophetic speech - disorient or destabilize?

We will consider how, in her different representations, Cassandra places questions of language, patriarchy, and sexual violence at the center of general discussions of credibility and critique. Readings range from ancient Greek thought to 21st century theory.

Terms Offered: Autumn

Equivalent Course(s): GNSE 32333, GNSE 22333, PLSC 22333, CCCT 22333, PLSC 32333, CCCT 32333

FNDL 22822. Nietzsche's Gay Science. 100 Units.

Nietzsche describes *The Gay Science* as a distinctively affirmative work. Although still offering sharp challenges to rival views, the book also introduces many of Nietzsche's own ideas about how life can be embraced. We will read *The Gay Science* from beginning to end, giving special attention to the affirmative aspects of Nietzsche's thought. (A)

Instructor(s): J. Fox Terms Offered: Autumn

Equivalent Course(s): PHIL 22822

FNDL 23202. Li Zhi and 16th Century China: The Self, Tradition, and Dissent in Comparative Context. 100 Units.

The 16th century Chinese iconoclast Li Zhi (Li Zhuowu) has been rightly celebrated as a pioneer of individualism, one of history's great voices of social protest, an original mind powerfully arguing for genuine self-expression, and more. He was a Confucian official and erudite in the classics, yet in his sixties he takes the Buddhist tonsure, and late in life befriends the Jesuit Matteo Ricci. He sought refuge in a quiet monastery devoting his life to scholarship, yet invited constant scandal. His *A Book to Burn* "sold like hotcakes," and attracted enough trouble that reportedly readers would surreptitiously hide their copies tucked up their sleeves, and was later banned by the state soon after his death. In this seminar, we will place Li both within the context of the history of "Confucian" thought, and within the literary, religious, and philosophical conversations of the late Ming. Using his writings as a productive case study, we will think about topics including "religion," tradition and innovation, "spontaneity" and "authenticity," and the relationship between "classics" and commentaries. Throughout, we will bring our discussions into comparative analysis, considering views of thinkers and traditions from other times and places. Chinese not required; for those interested, we will read select essays of Li's in Chinese and students may choose translation as a final project.

Instructor(s): Pauline Lee Terms Offered: Autumn

Note(s): This course meets the HS or CS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students.

Equivalent Course(s): HREL 33202, EALC 23202, EALC 33202, DVPR 33202, HIST 34519, RLST 23202, HIST 24519

FNDL 23600. Evil: Myth, Symbol and Reality. 100 Units.

From the horrors of the Shoah to violence suffered by individuals, the question of the origin, meaning, and reality of evil done by humans has vexed thinkers throughout the ages. This seminar is an inquiry into the problem of evil on three registers of reflection: myth, symbol, and reality. We will be exploring important philosophical, Jewish, and Christian texts. These include Martin Buber, Good and Evil, Hannah Arendt, Eichmann in Jerusalem, Immanuel Kant, Religion within the Limits of Reason Alone, Paul Ricoeur, The Symbolism of Evil, Edward Farley, Good and Evil, Hans Jonas, Mortality and Morality and Claudia Card, The Atrocity Paradigm. There will also be a viewing of the movie *Seven* (1995) directed by David Fincher and written by Andrew Kevin Walker. Accordingly, the seminar probes the reality of evil and the symbolic and mythic

resources of religious traditions to articulate the meaning and origin of human evil. The question of "theodicy" is then not the primary focus given the seminar's inquiry into the fact and reality of human evil. Each student will submit a 5-7 page critical review of either Jonathan Glover's *Humanity: A Moral History of the 20th Century* or Susan Neiman's, *Evil in Modern Thought*. Each Student also will write a 15 page (double spaced; 12pt font) paper on one or more of the texts read in the course with respect to her or his own research interests.

Instructor(s): William Schweiker Terms Offered: Autumn

Note(s): This course meets the HS or CS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students.

Equivalent Course(s): JWSC 23600, GRMN 23623, RETH 33600, RLST 23600, THEO 33600, GRMN 33623

FNDL 24419. Kafka: Acrobatics of Reading. 100 Units.

In a universe determined by power such as Kafka's - patriarchal, legal, governmental, colonial power, but also physical constraints such as gravity and entropy - everything depends on one's ability or inability to perform. Against such determination, Kafka's texts work as exercises in self-empowerment and -disempowerment, acts that constitute their power to perform through their very performance. Taking Kafka's short prose as a test case, the course investigates the relationship between two things: First, the acrobatics performed in and by the texts that not only feature a cast of tightrope walkers, hunger artists, bucket riders, and other performers, but can more generally be read as a series of kinetic experiments involving plot, description, imagery, sound, and grammar. Second, the acrobatics it takes us, the audience, to engage these texts-demanding a similar artistry of performance that includes casting highly flexible, improbable, and often risky readerly strategies in response. From the short prose, the course broadens its focus to include the longer texts and the diary, as well as excerpts from the fragments *Amerika*, *The Trial*, and *The Castle*. Readings and discussion in English.

Instructor(s): Florian Klingner Terms Offered: Autumn

Equivalent Course(s): CMLT 24419, GRMN 24419

FNDL 24921. Robert Musil: Altered States. 100 Units.

This course is an introduction to the work of Robert Musil, one of the major novelists of the twentieth century. We will focus on Musil's idea of the "Other Condition" [der andere Zustand], which he once described in contrast to our normal way of life-as a "secret rising and ebbing of our being with that of things and other people." What is this "Other Condition": what are its ethics and aesthetics, and how can it be expressed in literature? We will begin with readings from Musil's critical writings and early narrative prose, then devote the majority of the quarter to his unfinished magnum opus, *The Man without Qualities*. Particular attention will be paid to Musil's experiments with narrative form and his development of the genre of "essayism." Readings and discussion in English.

Instructor(s): Sophie Salvo Terms Offered: Autumn

Equivalent Course(s): GRMN 34921, GRMN 24921

FNDL 25001. Molière: Comedy, Power and Subversion. 100 Units.

Molière crafted a new form of satirical comedy that revolutionized European theater, though it encountered strong opposition from powerful institutions. We will read the plays in the context of the literary, dramatic, and theatrical/performance traditions which he reworked (farce, commedia dell'arte, Latin comedy, Spanish Golden Age theater, satiric poetry, the novel), while considering the relationship of laughter to social norms, with particular emphasis on sexuality, gender roles, and cultural identities.

Instructor(s): Larry Norman Terms Offered: Autumn

Prerequisite(s): FREN 20500 or FREN 20503.

Note(s): Taught in French.

Equivalent Course(s): TAPS 28470, FREN 35000, TAPS 38470, FREN 25000

FNDL 25306. Deconstruction and Religion. 100 Units.

In this seminar we will carefully consider selected works by French philosopher Jacques Derrida. We will address the emergence of religious themes in his early work and reconsider the relation between deconstruction and theology as divergent modes of discourse. We will then examine the roles of messianism, belief, and confession in his later work.

Instructor(s): Ryan Coyne Terms Offered: Autumn

Note(s): This course meets the CS or LMCS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students.

Equivalent Course(s): RLST 23112, DVPR 50112, THEO 50112

FNDL 25803. Confucius and the Analects. 100 Units.

This course will focus on Confucius, both the historical man and the legendary figure, and on the *Analects*, which purports to record his teachings. Through readings of the *Analects* in translation and of secondary scholarship in English, we will seek to determine to what extent it is possible to understand the relationship between the man and the book. For students with a basic knowledge of classical Chinese, extra sessions will be arranged to read the *Analects* in Chinese.

Instructor(s): E. Shaughnessy Terms Offered: Autumn

Note(s): Not offered in 2023-24.

Equivalent Course(s): EALC 35803, EALC 25803

FNDL 26102. Chris Marker. 100 Units.

Chris Marker (1921-2012) is one of the most influential and important filmmakers to emerge in the post-war era in France, yet he remains relatively unknown to a wider audience. Marker's multifaceted work encompasses writing, photography, filmmaking, videography, gallery installation, television, and digital multimedia. He

directed over 60 films and is known foremost for his "essay films," a hybrid of documentary and personal reflection, which he invigorated if not invented with films like *Lettre de Sibérie* (Letter from Siberia, 1958) or *Sans Soleil* (Sunless, 1983). His most famous film, *La Jetée* (1962), his only (science) fiction film made up almost entirely of black-and-white still photographs, was the inspiration for Terry Gilliam's *12 Monkeys* (1995). In 1990, he created his first multi-media installation, *Zapping Zone*, and in 1997 he experimented with the format of the CD-Rom to create a multi-layered, multimedia memoir (*Immemory*). In 2008, he continued his venture into digital spaces with *Ouvroir*, realized on the platform of *Second Life*. Marker was a passionate traveler who documented the journeys he took, the people he met, and revolutionary upheavals at home and afar. We will follow Marker's travels through time, space, and media, during which we will also encounter artists with whom he crossed paths, with whom he collaborated, or who were inspired by his work.

Instructor(s): Dominique Bluher Terms Offered: Autumn

Equivalent Course(s): MAAD 13303, CMST 36303, ARTV 20032, CMST 26303

FNDL 27005. Thucydides' History of the Peloponnesian War. 100 Units.

Description TBD

Instructor(s): Jamie Redfield Terms Offered: Autumn

Equivalent Course(s): SETH 31933

FNDL 27006. The Iliad as a Whole. 100 Units.

After a review of the textual history of the *Iliad* and a consideration of the probable conditions of its composition, a close reading of the text will explore the interrelations of the story on a collective level-military and political-with the personal stories of the leading characters. Some acquaintance with the text in the original

Instructor(s): Jamie Redfield Terms Offered: Autumn. Autumn 2023

Prerequisite(s): Instructor's consent is required for Undergrads.

Note(s): This course will be more valuable to students with some knowledge of the text in the original.

Equivalent Course(s): SETH 21934, CLAS 31923, SETH 31934, CLCV 23923

FNDL 28290. Samuel Richardson's Clarissa. 100 Units.

This course will examine the very long and possibly-very probably-the greatest novel in the English language.

We'll consider the effect of Richardson's decision to conduct his novel as a series of letters, and we'll pay particular attention to his extraordinary effectiveness in creating complexity in a fairly simple plot and in tracking an ever-expanding cast of characters. The Penguin edition we'll be using comes to 1499 pages, and they are over-sized pages. This is a course for committed readers! (1650-1830 ; 18th/19th)

Instructor(s): Frances Ferguson Terms Offered: Autumn

Equivalent Course(s): ENGL 38290, ENGL 28290

FNDL 28401. Pasolini. 100 Units.

This course examines each aspect of Pasolini's artistic production according to the most recent literary and cultural theories, including Gender Studies. We shall analyze his poetry (in particular "Le Ceneri di Gramsci" and "Poesie informa di rosa"), some of his novels ("Ragazzi di vita," "Una vita violenta," "Teorema," "Petrolio"), and his numerous essays on the relationship between standard Italian and dialects, semiotics and cinema, and the role of intellectuals in contemporary Western culture. We shall also discuss the following films: "Accattone," "La ricotta," "Edipo Re," "Teorema," and "Salo".

Instructor(s): Armando Maggi Terms Offered: Autumn

Note(s): Taught in English.

Equivalent Course(s): ITAL 38400, GNSE 28600, ITAL 28400, CMST 23500, CMST 33500, GNSE 38600

FNDL 28500. Petrarch and the Birth of Western Modernity. 100 Units.

This course offers a close reading of the theoretical works of Petrarch (known as the "father of humanism" or "first modern man") with the aim of pinpointing the literary and rhetorical skills, as well as the self-conscious agenda, that went into the proclamation of a new era in Western history: the "Renaissance." How do we at once pay homage to and overcome a time-honored past without severing our ties to history altogether? Is Petrarch's model still viable today in efforts to forge a new beginning? We will pay special attention to Petrarch's fraught relationship with religious and secular models such as Saint Augustine and Cicero, to Petrarch's legacy in notable Renaissance humanists (Pico, Poliziano, Erasmus, Montaigne, etc.), and to the correlation of Petrarchan inquiry with modern concerns and methodologies in textual and social analysis, including German hermeneutics (Gadamer) and critical theory (Gramsci).

Instructor(s): Rocco Rubini Terms Offered: Autumn

Note(s): Taught in English.

Equivalent Course(s): ITAL 28500, ITAL 38500

WINTER QUARTER COURSES

FNDL 11004. Introduction to the Hebrew Bible. 100 Units.

The course introduces the Jewish/Hebrew Bible as a literary treasury with a material history. We will survey the genres and the different works, review scholarly theories about the texts and about ideas in them, and situate them in the history of Israel and Judea and in the culture of ancient Southwest Asia. We will also engage theories of history, literature, and narrative. The course includes a weekly Discussion Section for mixed-modes activities and conceptual discussions.

Instructor(s): Simeon Chavel Terms Offered: Autumn

Note(s): This course meets the HS or LMCS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students. This course counts as a Gateway course for RLST majors/minors.

Equivalent Course(s): RLST 11004, NEHC 20504, JWSC 20120, BIBL 31000, HIJD 31004, NEHC 30504

FNDL 20124. The Bible Throughout History: From the Dead Sea Scrolls to King James. 100 Units.

While the collection of ancient texts found in modern Bibles appears fixed and is read by many people as a source of edification or theological insight, it has not always been this way. Though absent from most Bibles, there is an entire body of literature commonly known as "rewritten bible": early translations, retellings, or entirely new stories with familiar names and faces that update, retcon, or subvert their "biblical" sources. How might we understand these ancient forms of fan fiction? The class will introduce this corpus (including some of the Dead Sea Scrolls) and its sources, production, and historical contexts. We will confront significant problems in understanding religious texts: how is it that some texts become authoritative while other very similar texts do not? Who gets to retell foundational religious narratives, and within what social or political constraints? What does it mean to relate to sacred texts as artistic prompts or imperfect points of departure? Can a biblical text be rewritten for an entirely different religious tradition? We will consider similar questions for contemporary religious practice, asking: how did rewriting the Bible get started, and has it stopped?

Instructor(s): Doren Snoek Terms Offered: Winter

Equivalent Course(s): CMLT 20124, MDVL 20124, JWSC 20924, RLST 20124, HIST 29908

FNDL 20221. Infinite Narrative: The Arabian Nights and its Global Refractions. 100 Units.

The Arabian Nights, or A Thousand and One Nights, has had a profound influence on global culture. A shaping force in the formation of European Orientalism and Romanticism in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, the work has since inspired a vast array of writers, filmmakers, and artists across the world. We will begin this course by studying the Nights as a product of the medieval Arabo-Islamic world, examining the major themes and formal features of the work. We will then investigate the translation and reception of the Nights in early modern Europe, before analyzing a selection of short stories, films, and novels based on or inspired by the Nights spanning the nineteenth to the twenty-first century. These will include stories by Edgar Allan Poe and Jorge Luis Borges; films by Masaki Kobayashi and Pier Paolo Pasolini; and novels by one or more of Naguib Mahfouz, Radwa Ashour, Salman Rushdie, and Isabel Allende. The primary texts will be supplemented with readings concerning narratology and the art of storytelling, the fantastic and magic realism, and contemporary debates about world literature. All texts will be read in translation, but students with knowledge of Arabic will be encouraged to participate in additional sessions devoted to reading parts of the Arabic texts in the original.

Instructor(s): Evelyn Richardson Terms Offered: Winter

Equivalent Course(s): NEHC 28871, CMLT 28870

FNDL 21603. Machiavelli and Machiavellism. 100 Units.

This course is a comprehensive introduction to Machiavelli's *The Prince* in light of his vast and varied literary corpus and European reception. The course includes discussion of Machiavelli as playwright ("*The Mandrake*"), fiction writer ("*Belfagor*," "*The Golden Ass*"), and historian ("*Discourses*," "*Florentine Histories*"). We will also closely investigate the emergence of myths surrounding Machiavelli (Machiavellism and anti-Machiavellism) in Italy (Guicciardini, Botero, Boccacini), France (Bodin and Gentillet), Spain (Ribadeneyra), and Northern Europe (Hobbes, Grotius, Spinoza) during the Counter Reformation and beyond.

Instructor(s): Rocco Rubini

Note(s): Course conducted in English. Those seeking Italian credit will do all work in Italian.

Equivalent Course(s): CMLT 35801, ITAL 33001, CMLT 25801, ITAL 23000

FNDL 21650. Kafka's *The Trial*. 100 Units.

This very close reading of Kafka's arguably most well known unfinished novel means to move away from megalithic glosses of Kafka as a writer of allegory-of bureaucratic oppression, social alienation, and a world abandoned by God, etc.-instead to look deeply at Kafka's precision, and strategic imprecision, of language, language as trauma, wound, and axe. Knowledge of German is not necessary.

Instructor(s): M. Sternstein Terms Offered: Autumn

Prerequisite(s): open only to Fundamentals majors. all other majors need consent of instructor.

Equivalent Course(s): REES 22009, GNSE 21650

FNDL 23907. Gandhi and His Critics. 100 Units.

The moral and political writings of M.K. Gandhi constitute one of the most influential archives of ethics in the twentieth century. For a man so devoted to periodic vows of silence and withdrawal, he nevertheless left over ninety volumes of public speeches, personal correspondence, and published essays. A modernist arrayed against the brutalities of modernity, Gandhi's thought encompassed concepts of sovereignty, the state, self and society, religion, civilization, and force. His insistence on cultivating technologies of the self as a response to both colonial and intimate violence was inspired by an eclectic range of source material. Generations of critical thinkers from around the world, including Black, feminist, Communist, and Dalit political activists, engaged with his ideas. This course explores several themes in Gandhi's ethical thought and the responses they have generated.

Instructor(s): Anand Venkatkrishnan Terms Offered: Winter

Note(s): This course meets the HS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students.

Equivalent Course(s): CRES 23907, RETH 33907, RLST 23907, HREL 33907

FNDL 24601. Martin and Malcolm: Life and Belief. 100 Units.

This course examines the religious, social, cultural, political, and personal factors that went into the making of the two most prominent public leaders and public intellectuals emerging from the African American community in the 1950s and 1960s: Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr. We will review their autobiographies, the domestic trends within the USA, and the larger international forces operating during their times. Their life stories provide the contexts for the sharp differences and surprising commonalities in their political thought and religious beliefs. At the end of their lives, were they still radical contrasts, sharing the same views, or had their beliefs shifted - did Malcolm become Martin and Martin become Malcolm?

Instructor(s): Dwight Hopkins Terms Offered: Winter

Equivalent Course(s): AMER 24601, RDIN 24601, RLST 24601, HIST 27209

FNDL 24920. Primo Levi. 100 Units.

Witness, novelist, essayist, translator, linguist, chemist, and even entomologist. Primo Levi is a polyhedral author, and this course revisits his work in all its facets. We will privilege the most hybrid of his texts: *The Search for Roots*, an anthology that collects the author's favorite readings—a book assembled through the books of the others, but which represents Levi's most authentic portrait. By using this work as an entry point into Levi's universe, we will later explore his other texts, addressing issues such as the unsettling relationship between survival and testimony, the "sinful" choice of fiction, the oblique path towards autobiography, and the paradoxes of witnessing by proxy.

Instructor(s): Maria Anna Mariani

Prerequisite(s): Open to advanced undergrads with consent of instructor.

Note(s): Taught in Italian.

Equivalent Course(s): JWSC 24920, ITAL 34920, ITAL 24920

FNDL 25002. Plato's Symposium. 100 Units.

The seminar is devoted to close readings and extended discussions of Plato's *Symposium*. We will explore the views on Eros presented in the various speeches comprising the dialogue, among them: love's relationship to physical beauty and human desire; its potential for prompting heroic action and forging moral education; its significance for the soul and place in the cosmos. We will also analyze the literary aspects of the work (plot, action, allegory); the dialogue's historical setting (democratic Athens beset by domestic conspiracies and engaged in an apocalyptic war); its implications for political philosophy; and the function of a symposium in classical Athens. We will devote several sessions at the end of term to major interpretations of the dialogue.

Instructor(s): D. Kasimis, J. McCormick Terms Offered: Winter

Equivalent Course(s): PLSC 35807, PLSC 25807

FNDL 25004. Artificial Intelligence, Human Condition, Human Capacities. 100 Units.

This seminar course will engage students from multiple disciplines in critically reflecting upon the current advancements in artificial intelligence with their implications for the human condition and human capabilities. The first group of readings will incorporate classical works by thinkers such as Hanna Arendt, Norbert Wiener, and Karl Jaspers on the human condition, and Amartya Sen and Martha Nussbaum's works on human capacities. The second group of readings will include contemporary research papers from computer science, cognitive science, linguistics, anthropology, economics, and philosophy. Students will be asked to develop their own perspective and methodology to engage with and relate the two groups of readings, further develop their literature on the topic, and write a final research paper on the human condition in the age of AI.

Equivalent Course(s): COGS 25000, MAPS 35000, MAPH 35000, KNOW 35002, COGS 35000, KNOW 25002

FNDL 25307. Milton and Blake: Conceptions of the Christian Epic. 100 Units.

Milton wrote *Paradise Lost* to capture in epic form the essence of Christianity; Blake wrote *Jerusalem* to correct Milton's mistakes. We'll read them together to get in on the debate.

Instructor(s): Richard Rosengarten Terms Offered: Winter

Equivalent Course(s): ENGL 26411, RLVC 36401, ENGL 36401, RLST 26401

FNDL 25502. Simone de Beauvoir as Philosopher. 100 Units.

This class will survey the philosophical work of twentieth-century Existentialist thinker Simone de Beauvoir. Best known as the author of the landmark second-wave feminist book, *The Second Sex*, de Beauvoir wrote extensively on topics in ethics, politics, and phenomenology. She also published several novels, one of which (*The Mandarins*) won the prestigious Prix Goncourt. Even so, the vast majority of de Beauvoir's work is rarely studied in either France or the United States. Our goal in this class will be to take de Beauvoir seriously as one of the most important philosophical thinkers of the twentieth century. We will aim to understand her intellectual program holistically, with emphasis on the way in which her Existentialist concerns informed her work in literature and feminism. Works to be read include *The Ethics of Ambiguity*, *The Second Sex*, *The Mandarins*, *Memoirs of a Dutiful Daughter*, and selected essays. Classes and readings will be in English; background knowledge of post-Kantian European philosophy is helpful but not necessary.

Instructor(s): ELIZA LITTLE Terms Offered: Winter

Equivalent Course(s): SETH 20679

FNDL 25822. Topics in EALC: Themes in Traditional Chinese Thought. 100 Units.

An introduction to ideas and ways of thinking in traditional China, and to some extent East Asia more broadly. This year, we will focus on ideas of qi ("breath," "vital energy," "psycho-physical stuff"), and related ideas about the human place in the cosmos, from their earliest appearance through their use in Neo-Confucian thought."

Instructor(s): P. Copp Terms Offered: Winter

Note(s): Not offered in 2023-24.

Equivalent Course(s): EALC 10717

FNDL 25911. bell hooks and Cornel West: Education for Resistance. 100 Units.

Cornel West and bell hooks are two of the most influential philosophers and cultural critics of the past half-century. Their writings—including their co-authored book—address pressing questions about politics, religion, race, education, film, and gender. In different ways, they each find resources for hope, love, and liberation in an unjust social order. In this course, we will read selections from their writings over the last forty years alongside the authors who influenced their thinking (including Du Bois, Freire, Morrison, King, and Baldwin). We will pay special attention to how hooks and West communicate to popular audiences, how they engage religious traditions (their own and others'), and the role of dialogue in their thought and practice. The goal of the course is not just to think about hooks and West, but to think with them about ethics, writing, American culture, and the aims of education. No prior familiarity with either author is required.

Instructor(s): Russell Johnson Terms Offered: Winter

Equivalent Course(s): RLST 25910, GNSE 25910, CRES 22910

FNDL 27202. Dante's Divine Comedy II: Purgatorio. 100 Units.

This course is an intense study of the middle cantica of the "Divine Comedy" and its relationship with Dante's early masterpiece, the "Vita Nuova." The very middle-ness of the Purgatorio provides Dante the opportunity to explore a variety of problems dealing with our life here, now, on earth: contemporary politics, the relationship between body and soul, poetry and the literary canon, art and imagination, the nature of dreams, and, of course, love and desire. The Purgatorio is also Dante's most original contribution to the imagination of the underworld, equally influenced by new conceptualizations of "merchant time" and by contemporary travel writing and fantastic voyages.

Instructor(s): H. Justin Steinberg Terms Offered: Winter

Note(s): Course conducted in English. Those seeking Italian credit will do all work in Italian.

Equivalent Course(s): ITAL 32000, ITAL 22000, MDVL 22003

FNDL 27203. Žižek, The Sublime Object of Ideology. 100 Units.

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Instructor(s): M. Sternstein Terms Offered: Winter

Equivalent Course(s): REES 27203

FNDL 27512. Dream of the Red Chamber: Forgetting About the Author. 100 Units.

The great Chinese-Manchu novel *„Honglou meng“* (ca. 1750) has been assigned one major author, Cao Xueqin, whose life has been the subject of much investigation. But before 1922 little was known about Cao, and interpreters of the novel were forced to make headway solely on the basis of textual clues. The so-called "Three Commentators" edition (*„Sanjia ping Shitou ji“*) shows these readers at their creative, polemical, and far-fetched best. We will be reading the first 80 chapters of the novel and discussing its reception in the first 130 years of its published existence (1792-1922), with special attention to hermeneutical strategies and claims of authorial purpose. Familiarity with classical Chinese required.

Instructor(s): Haun Saussy Terms Offered: Winter

Prerequisite(s): Familiarity with classical Chinese required.

Equivalent Course(s): CMLT 27512, CMLT 37512, EALC 27512, SCTH 37512, EALC 37512

FNDL 27517. Metaphysics, Morbidity, & Modernity: Mann's The Magic Mountain. 100 Units.

Our main task in this course is to explore in detail one of the most significant novels of the twentieth century, Thomas Mann's *The Magic Mountain*. But this novel is also a window onto the entirety of modern European thought, and it provides, at the same time, a telling perspective of the crisis of European culture prior to and following on World War I. It is, in Thomas Mann's formulation, a time-novel: a novel about its time, but also a novel about human being in time. For anyone interested in the configuration of European intellectual life in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, Mann's great (and challenging) novel is indispensable reading. Lectures will relate Mann's novel to its great European counterparts (e.g., Proust, Joyce, Musil), to the traditions of European thought from Voltaire to Georg Lukacs, from Schopenhauer to Heidegger, from Marx to Max Weber.

Instructor(s): David Wellbery Terms Offered: Winter

Equivalent Course(s): SIGN 26086, CMLT 27517, GRMN 27517

FNDL 27523. Reading Kierkegaard. 100 Units.

This will be a discussion-centered seminar that facilitates close readings some Kierkegaard texts: *The Present Age*, *Fear and Trembling*, *Sickness Unto Death*, and *The Lily of the Field and the Bird of the Air*. We shall consider both the issues and arguments as well as Kierkegaard's forms of writing and manners of persuasion. Students will be expected to write comments each week and to read the comments of others. Our reading each week will be determined by the pace of the group.

Instructor(s): Jonathan Lear Terms Offered: Winter. Winter 2024

Prerequisite(s): This seminar is intended for undergraduate majors in Philosophy and Fundamentals and for graduate students in Social Thought and Philosophy. Permission of Instructor required.

Equivalent Course(s): SCTH 37523, PHIL 37523, SCTH 27523, PHIL 27523

FNDL 27617. Introduction to Global Catholicism. 100 Units.

With over a billion adherents, Catholicism is both the largest Christian denomination and a global religious tradition. This course introduces students to multiple ways Catholicism shapes the moral and political commitments of believers and how it informs politics and the larger society. How does the Catholic church, at once centralized and internally diverse, exist as a multilingual and multicultural community? How has Catholicism responded to increasingly secularized cultures in industrialized nations? What place do religious beliefs have in the public sphere? We will examine the different ways Catholics approach these moral, social, and theological questions and how their answers shape and are shaped by their cultural locations. No previous coursework is required to enroll.

Instructor(s): Joseph Haydt Terms Offered: Winter

Equivalent Course(s): GRMN 27617, GLST 27617, RLST 27617

FNDL 28202. Introduction to the New Testament: Texts and Contexts of Interpretation. 100 Units.

This class introduces students to the texts that make up the New Testament through close readings of representative examples. Through course lectures and readings, students will gain familiarity with the historical, geographical, social, religious, cultural, and political contexts of New Testament literature and the events they narrate. We will also learn about the central literary genres found within the collection of texts that came to form the canonical New Testament, including "gospels," "acts," "letters," and "apocalypses"), and we will examine how awareness of genre conventions enhances our reading of these works. Students will also learn about the distinctive theological and cultural viewpoints contained within various New Testament texts. As we learn about the history of biblical scholarship, especially the goals and methods of biblical interpretation, we will practice refining our questions. Assignments and discussion will allow students to develop their skills as attuned readers of both ancient texts as well as modern biblical scholarship. PQ: No prior knowledge of biblical literature, the ancient world, or Christianity is expected. The only expectation is commitment to engaged discussion about the challenges of interpretation with classmates holding various viewpoints.

Instructor(s): Margaret Mitchell Terms Offered: Winter

Prerequisite(s): Interest in this literature, and willingness to enter into conversation with like-minded and non-like-minded others on the texts and the issues involved in their interpretation.

Note(s): This course meets the HS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students. This course counts as a Gateway course for RLST majors/minors.

Equivalent Course(s): MDVL 12500, RLST 12000, BIBL 32500

FNDL 29205. The Simultaneity of Time: Reading Jorge Luis Borges in the 21st Century. 100 Units.

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Instructor(s): Mauricio Tenorio Terms Offered: Winter

Equivalent Course(s): HIST 26307

FNDL 29416. Dreaming and Interpreting. 100 Units.

What is a dream? In this course, we will explore this ancient question through a close engagement with the founding texts of psychoanalysis. Sigmund Freud's *The Interpretation of Dreams*, published on the eve of the year 1900, offered a revolutionary account of the human mind and imagination. We will read this challenging text in its entirety before turning to the powerful critique posed by Freud's contemporary, Carl Jung. Charismatic disciple turned adversary, Jung diverged from Freud to develop his own influential interpretation of dreams and what they reveal about the structure of the mind. As we chart the complex rivalry between these two great thinkers (and dreamers), we will try to understand how and why their mutually opposed theories are also closely intertwined. Among other topics, we will focus on the content and the form of dreams and dreaming; the image of the dream vs. the text of analysis; the stakes of interpretation, both theoretical and therapeutic; individual vs. collective symbols; the autobiographical elements in both Freud and Jung's theories of dreaming; and the relation between dreams and mental illness, madness, and trauma. Throughout, we will ask what possibilities these ideas hold for us today in our own efforts to imagine and interpret our world.

Instructor(s): Emma Lunbeck Terms Offered: Winter

Prerequisite(s): None

Note(s): Undergraduate Seminar

Equivalent Course(s): SETH 20682

SPRING QUARTER COURSES**FNDL 20700. Aquinas: On God, Being and Evil. 100 Units.**

This course considers sections from Saint Thomas Aquinas's *Summa Theologica*. Among the topics considered are God's existence; the relationship between God and Being; and human nature.

Instructor(s): S. Meredith Terms Offered: Spring

Equivalent Course(s): CLCV 23712, MDVL 20700, RLST 23605

FNDL 21221. Don Quixote. 100 Units.

The course will provide a close reading of Cervantes' "Don Quijote" and discuss its links with Renaissance art and Early Modern narrative genres. On the one hand, "Don Quijote" can be viewed in terms of prose fiction, from the ancient Greek romances to the medieval books of knights errant and the Renaissance pastoral novels. On the other hand, "Don Quijote" exhibits a desire for Italy through the utilization of Renaissance art. Beneath the

dusty roads of La Mancha and within Don Quijote's chivalric fantasies, the careful reader will come to appreciate glimpses of images with Italian designs.

Instructor(s): Frederick de Armas

Note(s): Taught in English. Students seeking Spanish credit will read the text in the original and use Spanish for the course assignments.

Equivalent Course(s): SPAN 24202, CMLT 28101, SPAN 34202, CMLT 38101

FNDL 21300. James Joyce: Ulysses. 100 Units.

This course considers themes that include the problems of exile, homelessness, and nationality; the mysteries of paternity and maternity; the meaning of the Return; Joyce's epistemology and his use of dream, fantasy, and hallucinations; and Joyce's experimentation with and use of language.

Instructor(s): S. Meredith Terms Offered: Spring

Equivalent Course(s): ENGL 21301

FNDL 21714. Boccaccio's Decameron. 100 Units.

One of the most important and influential works of the middle ages-and a lot funnier than the "Divine Comedy." Written in the midst of the social disruption caused by the Black Death (1348), the "Decameron" may have held readers attention for centuries because of its bawdiness, but it is also a profound exploration into the basis of faith and the meaning of death, the status of language, the construction of social hierarchy and social order, and the nature of crisis and historical change. Framed by a storytelling contest between seven young ladies and three young men who have left the city to avoid the plague, the one hundred stories of Boccaccio's "Decameron" form a structural masterpiece that anticipates the Renaissance epics, Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales," and the modern short story. Students will be encouraged to further explore in individual projects the many topics raised by the text, including (and in addition to the themes mentioned above) magic, the visual arts, mercantile culture, travel and discovery, and new religious practices.

Instructor(s): H. Justin Steinberg Terms Offered: Spring

Note(s): Taught in English.

Equivalent Course(s): ITAL 23502, ITAL 33502

FNDL 21772. Three Comedies of Sexual Revolution. 100 Units.

This seminar will discuss three comedies of sexual revolution from three different times and places.

Aristophanes's Assemblywomen recounts how under the leadership of the able Praxagora the women of Athens take over the Assembly and legislate a new regime in which private property is replaced by communism and sexual equity is achieved in favor of the old and unattractive at the expense of the young and attractive. Machiavelli's Mandragola dramatizes the tricks by which young Callimaco manages with the aid of the trickster parasite Ligurio to have sex with Lucrezia, the beautiful young wife of the elderly lawyer Nicomaco, with the consent of both her and her husband, ushering in a new regime in which all are satisfied. In Shakespeare's Measure for Measure Angelo the interim duke of Vienna institutes a repressive sexual regime in which the brothels are closed and extramarital sex is a capital crime. What might we learn about sexual relations from these diverse plays? Why are they comedies?

Equivalent Course(s): GNSE 25997, CMLT 25823, GNSE 35997, CMLT 35997, PLSC 25997, PLSC 35997, CLAS 37623, SCTH 25823, CLCV 27623, SCTH 35997

FNDL 22204. Italian Renaissance: Petrarch, Machiavelli, and the Wars of Popes and Kings. 100 Units.

Florence, Rome, and the Italian city-states in the age of plagues and cathedrals, Petrarch and Machiavelli, Medici and Borgia (1250-1600), with a focus on literature, philosophy, primary sources, the revival of antiquity, and the papacy's entanglement with pan-European politics. We will examine humanism, patronage, politics, corruption, assassination, feuds, art, music, magic, censorship, education, science, heresy, and the roots of the Reformation. Writing assignments focus on higher level writing skills, with a creative writing component linked to our in-class role-played reenactment of a Renaissance papal election (LARP). First-year students and non-History majors welcome.

Instructor(s): A. Palmer Terms Offered: Spring

Prerequisite(s): Graduate students by consent only; register for the course as HIST 90000 Reading and Research: History.

Note(s): Assignments: short papers, alternative projects.

Equivalent Course(s): MDVL 12203, RLST 22203, RENS 12203, SIGN 26034, KNOW 12203, ITAL 16000, HIST 12203, CLCV 22216

FNDL 22312. Englished Homer. 100 Units.

From the strong, rapid fourteeners of Chapman's Elizabethan English to the taut rhythms of Alice Oswald's Memorial, Homer's Iliad takes on new meaning and feel each time the poem is translated anew. This workshop-style course will engage the many English versions of Homeric poetry, attending to theme, image, word, line, paragraph, and meter; noting what is kept and what is changed. We will also consider the theory and practice of translation, especially as it has been understood by these poets over the last four centuries. No knowledge of Greek is required.

Instructor(s): E. Austin Terms Offered: Spring

Equivalent Course(s): CLAS 33522, CLCV 23522

FNDL 22707. Rumi: Poetry, Wisdom, and Metaphysics. 100 Units.

Hailed as one of the world's greatest mystical poets, Jalal al-Din Rumi (d. 1273) transcends the boundaries of language, religion and ethnicity. Today Rumi's poems can be heard in mosques, monasteries, churches and synagogues. This course examines Rumi's teachings, the metaphysics of love and his perennial wisdom through translations of his sublime verse, the quintessential art form of the Sufis. Students will engage with the field of Persian Sufi literature and understand the methods employed by scholars in studying Sufi poetry.

Instructor(s): Mukhtar Ali Terms Offered: Spring

Equivalent Course(s): NEHC 22707, RLST 22707

FNDL 23419. Richard Wagner's Ring of the Nibelung in Performance. 100 Units.

This seminar, open to undergraduates and beginning graduate students, serves as a critical introduction to and intensive exploration of Richard Wagner's 19th century tetralogy. In addition to critical readings (e.g., by Wagner, Adorno, Nietzsche, Badiou, Dahlhaus, et al.) and screenings of a host of productions, we will travel downtown to Lyric Opera to attend performances of the Ring cycle in David Pountney's new production. Our discussions of the Chicago production will be supplemented by conversations with members of the Lyric Opera production team, including Anthony Freud, Lyric Opera's General Director. No previous knowledge is required although a curiosity about opera, German culture, media history, and/or theater & performance studies will be essential.

Instructor(s): David Levin Terms Offered: Spring

Equivalent Course(s): CMST 32119, MUSI 24520, GRMN 33419, MUSI 32520, CMST 22119, GRMN 23419

FNDL 23599. Christian and Anti-Christian: Kierkegaard and Nietzsche on Religion and Morality. 100 Units.

This course explores two radically different assessments of religion and morality, one by the Protestant thinker Søren Kierkegaard, and the other by an arch-critic of religion and "morality," Friedrich Nietzsche. The course will focus on their assessments of religious faith and its relation to morality and the human good. We will explore Kierkegaard's Fear and Trembling and also Nietzsche's works, On the Genealogy of Morals. The course moves in interlocking moments: an inquiry into Kierkegaard's and Nietzsche's account of religion and its moral outlook, and their outlooks on how best to live given their assessments of religion and morality. Additionally, the course will explore their styles of writing and the relation between style and the purpose and content of their thought. The general aim of the course, then, is to explore two seminal minds in the development of Western thought with the question in mind of their possible contribution to current religious and ethical thinking.

Instructor(s): William Schweiker Terms Offered: Spring

Equivalent Course(s): RETH 33599, RLST 23599, THEO 33599

FNDL 24623. Dante's Inferno: Judging the Earthly World. 100 Units.

The course will offer a close, discussion-based reading of Dante's "Inferno." The course begins with an introduction to the fundamental features and meanings of the "Commedia" (genesis; structure; models; language; realism; literal and allegorical sense; poetry and prophecy). We will then proceed with the reading and analysis of the most significant cantos of the "Inferno." In particular, the protagonist's path of redemption will be examined in its autobiographical and allegorical dimension. In his dual identity of author and character, Dante takes on the role of judge (the author), who accuses and condemns his contemporaries, and of penitent (the character), who finds himself in front of the same passions and sins that tormented his earthly life. We will try to understand how the ambiguous and eternal charm of the great characters of the "Inferno" (Francesca, Farinata, Pier della Vigna, Brunetto, Ulysses, Ugolino) arises from the conflict between these two dimensions. Upon completion of the course, students should have improved their ability to think critically, and to understand and analyze a literary text on different levels of meaning. Furthermore, they should have developed an in-depth knowledge of Dante's works and the methodologies of Dante studies.

Instructor(s): Roberto Rea Terms Offered: Spring

Note(s): Taught in English, but Italian majors, minors and grad students are required to do the readings and writing in Italian.

Equivalent Course(s): ITAL 34623, ITAL 24623, MDVL 24623

FNDL 24806. History of Sexuality and Sin. 100 Units.

Since Foucault's groundbreaking work on the History of Sexuality, we have become attuned to the effects of power and the political implications of the science of sexuality. While Foucault's text has offered a critical avenue to examine the secular state's administrations of sexuality, it begins with Christianity's techniques of power based on the confession of one's sex. The Christian formulation of the relationship between 'sex' and 'sin' is essential to understanding the techniques of power that connect sexuality, legality, criminality, normality, and transgression in modern secular contexts. In this class, we will begin with the critical questions of the History of Sexuality, then turn to primary texts in order to examine the way 'sex' and 'sin' became conceptually connected in Christianity, and finally interrogate the effects of this relation for medieval and modern politics. Over the course of these readings, we will trace the relation between the concepts and their effects to discern the histories of sexuality that lie at the root of contemporary debates on freedom, power, resistance, and desire. No prerequisites.

Instructor(s): Maureen Kelly Terms Offered: Spring

Equivalent Course(s): RLST 24803, GNSE 23152, MDVL 24803, HIPS 24803

FNDL 25218. Suhrawardi and His Interpreters. 100 Units.

Shihab al-Din Suhrawardi (d. 1191), the founder of the ishraqi philosophical tradition, is undoubtedly one of the most innovative and influential philosophers in the history of Islamic thought. In this seminar, we will examine major themes in the writings of Suhrawardi along with excerpts from Arabic commentaries by Muslim

and Jewish authors such as Ibn Kammūnah (d. 1284), Shahrāzūrī (d. 1288), Quṭb al-Dīn Shīrāzī (d. 1311), Dawānī (d. 1502), Dashtakī (d. 1542), Qarabāghī (d. 1625) and Harawī (d. 1689). Topics include, Suhrawardī's understanding of the history of philosophy, light and the order of existence, virtues and human happiness, self-knowledge and self-awareness, conceptual and non-conceptual knowledge, and theory of ritual actions.

Instructor(s): Nariman Aavani Terms Offered: Spring

Prerequisite(s): 2 years of Arabic.

Note(s): This course meets the CS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students.

Equivalent Course(s): ISLM 35218, NEHC 25218, MDVL 25218, NEHC 35218, RLST 25218

FNDL 25308. Black Theology: Hopkins Versus Cone. 100 Units.

Black Theology of Liberation, an indigenous USA discipline and movement, began on July 31, 1966 and spread nationally and internationally when James H. Cone published his first book in March 1969. Since that time, a second generation has emerged. In this course, we will create a debate between the second generation (represented by Dwight N. Hopkins) and the first generation (represented by James H. Cone). We will look at the political, economic, cultural, gender, and sexual orientation parts of this debate.

Instructor(s): Dwight Hopkins Terms Offered: Spring

Equivalent Course(s): CRES 23111, AMER 23111, GLST 23111, RLST 23111

FNDL 25311. Pale Fire. 100 Units.

This course is an intensive reading of *Pale Fire* by Nabokov.

Instructor(s): M. Sternstein Terms Offered: Spring

Equivalent Course(s): REES 20020, GNSE 39610, GNSE 29610, REES 30020, ENGL 22817

FNDL 25332. Stoics and Epicureans. 100 Units.

Ancient Greek Philosophy was remarkable for the creation of three main types of philosophy after Aristotle: Epicureanism, Stoicism, and Skepticism. Marx admired this trio as a highlight of Greek philosophy. Differing fundamentally from each other, Epicureanism relies on the evidence of the senses and proposes pleasure as the goal of life; Stoicism values morality as a way of attaining union with god; the Skeptics reject both. Each type of philosophy responded dynamically to the others and kept evolving by continually adapting to diverse social circumstances, both Greek and Roman. Each also had a lasting influence on the development of later European philosophy. We will trace their significance by reading texts in English translation; no Greek or Latin is required.

Instructor(s): E. Asmis Terms Offered: Spring

Equivalent Course(s): CLAS 33909, RLST 21909, BIBL 33909, CLCV 23909

FNDL 25405. The Bible in U.S. Politics: The Use and Abuse of Sacred Texts in the Public. 100 Units.

People across the political spectrum continue to cite the Bible to justify their viewpoints. Black Lives Matter protestors carried signs citing scriptural support for the rights of African Americans to life and justice, while some of those who stormed the U.S. Capitol on January 6th first marched around their state capitols in recreation of biblical Israel's circling of the doomed city Jericho. How can the same book serve the political ends of such ideologically distinct movements? In this course, we will explore the variety of ways in which the Bible, especially the Christian New Testament, informs contemporary political discourse. We will discuss what the Bible is and where it comes from, and how an interpreter's social location and culturally and historical-bound assumptions shape their interpretation. We will build upon this foundation by examining several contentious political issues in which the Bible is commonly invoked, including abortion, sexuality, immigration, and gun rights. We will analyze the key passages used by supporters of various policy positions to support their claims, situating these texts in their original contexts and highlighting the historical distance that problematizes their use today. Prior familiarity with biblical literature is not required.

Instructor(s): Douglas Hoffer Terms Offered: Spring

Equivalent Course(s): GNSE 25403, KNOW 25400, AMER 25400, RLST 25400

FNDL 25424. Spiritual Exercises: Giving Form to Thought and Life from Plato to Descartes. 100 Units.

This course will examine the tradition of spiritual exercises from antiquity to the early modern period. Spiritual exercises were at the core of classical *paideia*, the regimen of self-formation designed and promoted by ancient philosophers, orators, and other pedagogues. As Pierre Hadot and Michel Foucault have demonstrated, ancient philosophy first and foremost has to be understood as a "way of life," as a set of techniques and practices for shaping the self according to wisdom. It was not until philosophy's critical turn with Kant that it shed its practical dimension and became a "theoretical" discipline. Early Christianity, stylizing itself as the "true philosophy," eagerly adopted the ancient spiritual exercises and retooled them for its salvational ends. Throughout the middle ages and early modern period spiritual exercises and meditative techniques informed a host of religious, cultural, and artistic practices and media such as prayer and devotional reading, religious art and poetry, but also theatrical performances and musical works. We will focus on individual exercises like the meditation, the examination of conscience, the discernment of spirits, the application of senses, *prosoche* (attention), consolation, contemplation, etc., and discuss authors such as Epictetus, Seneca, Marcus Aurelius, John Cassian, Augustine, Bonaventure, Ignatius, Descartes, and others.

Equivalent Course(s): GRMN 35424, COGS 22017, CMLT 35424, CLAS 35423, GRMN 25424, CMLT 25424, RLST 25424, CLCV 25423, RLVC 35424

FNDL 26523. Dante's Vita Nuova: a Revolutionary Love. 100 Units.

The course consists of a close, discussion-based reading of Dante's "Vita nuova," examined within its biographical, literary and cultural context. The aim is to understand why the "Vita nuova," an autobiographical

narration in vernacular about Dante's love for Beatrice, represents a revolutionary book in the panorama of Medieval literature. The course will proceed with the reading and analysis of the most important chapters and poems, which will be contextualized within the author's self-representation strategy. In this way, we will retrace the fundamental stages of the inner renewal that lead Dante to discover a new conception of love and poetry. Furthermore, some episodes will be read in relation to the cantos of "Purgatory" in which Dante returns to confront his past as a love poet. Finally, special attention will be paid to the relationship with Guido Cavalcanti, celebrated by Dante as "first friend" and dedicatee, but ultimately surpassed by Dante's new representation of love. Upon completion of the course, students should have improved their ability to think critically, and to understand and analyze a literary text on different levels of meaning. Furthermore, they should have developed an in-depth knowledge of Dante's works and the methodologies of Dante studies.

Instructor(s): Roberto Rea Terms Offered: Spring

Note(s): Taught in English, but Italian majors, minors and grad students are required to do the readings and writing in Italian.

Equivalent Course(s): MDVL 26523, ITAL 36523, ITAL 26523

FNDL 27002. Reading Augustine's Confessions. 100 Units.

This course will carry out a close reading of Augustine's Confessions. We will study the work not only as a spiritual autobiography—a common approach—but also as a philosophical argument against alternatives to Christian faith and practice in the late fourth century. That argument will invite us to examine the implications of religious faith for human well-being and on how religious convictions affect the quality of human relationships, self-knowledge, and the emotions. We'll thus examine how Confessions interrogates the quality of human love, fear, hatred, and regret; moral responsibilities to ourselves and others; the (anxious) awareness that we are limited in body and time; and how to craft an honest narrative of self-understanding. We will ask (among other things), Is religion a source of personal healing and health, or an obstacle to it? What sorts of problems is religion meant to cure? What problems do religious beliefs create? How does religion bear on the self's loves, its past, its mortality, its doubts? Along the way we'll ask whether it is possible to want to do evil, whether it is possible to love or grieve too much, whether we are responsible for what happens in our dreams, what it means to be a friend to others—and how Augustine's answers to these questions presuppose a wider account of divine justice, charity, and the ordering of the cosmos.

Instructor(s): Richard B. Miller Terms Offered: Autumn

Equivalent Course(s): RLST 25102, MDVL 25102

FNDL 27003. Philosophy and Comedy: Leo Strauss's "Socrates and Aristophanes" 100 Units.

Leo Strauss's Socrates and Aristophanes (1966) discusses not only the most important and most influential of all comedies, The Clouds, but also all the other comedies by Aristophanes that have come down to us. The book is the only writing of Strauss's that deals with the whole corpus of a philosopher or poet. And it is the most intense and most demanding interpretation of Aristophanes a philosopher has presented up to now. In Socrates and Aristophanes Strauss carries on a dialogue with Aristophanes on the wisdom of the poet, on the just and unjust speech, on philosophy and politics, on the diversity of human natures, and on an œuvre that asks the question: *quid est deus? what is a god?*

Instructor(s): Heinrich Meier Terms Offered: Spring. Course will be taught Spring 2022.

Prerequisite(s): Open to undergraduates with instructor consent.

Note(s): The seminar will take place on Monday/Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.*, during the first five weeks of the term (March 28 – April 27, 2022).

Equivalent Course(s): SETH 37324, CLAS 37521, PHIL 37324, PLSC 37324

FNDL 27004. Politics and Philosophy: Leo Strauss's "The City and Man" 100 Units.

The City and Man is a philosophical discussion of the complex relation between politics and philosophy. In chapter 1 (on Aristotle) politics is considered from the perspective of the citizen or statesman; in chapter 2 (on Plato's Republic) it is reflected on from the point of view of the philosopher; and in chapter 3 (on Thucydides' History) it is seen within the horizon of the prephilosophical political community. The center of the book is Strauss's dialogue with Plato's Republic. Strauss interprets "the broadest and deepest analysis of political idealism ever made" as a work of education. This education has a moderating effect on political ambition and leads its best readers to the philosophical life. The longest and perhaps most intriguing chapter, Strauss's discussion of Thucydides, focuses on the political life and leads up to the question "what is a god?"

Instructor(s): Heinrich Meier Terms Offered: Spring

Prerequisite(s): Open to undergraduates with the instructor's consent.

Note(s): Monday / Wed, 9:30 am – 12:20 p.m.*, during the first five weeks of the term (March 20 – April 19, 2023)

Equivalent Course(s): CLCV 27422, SETH 37325, PHIL 27325, PHIL 37325, CLAS 37422

FNDL 27007. Leo Strauss' Philosophical "Autobiography" 100 Units.

Leo Strauss did not write an autobiography. However, he did mark out his path of thought through autobiographical reflections on the decisive challenges to which his oeuvre responded. The philosophically most demanding confrontation that Strauss presented on the question of how he became what he was is the so-called Autobiographical Preface of 1965, which he included in the American translation of his first book, "Spinoza's Critique of Religion" (originally published in 1930). Two decades earlier, in the lecture The Living Issues of German Postwar Philosophy (1940), he made a first autobiographical attempt to publicly ascertain himself and determine his position. And in 1970 he published the concise retrospective A Giving of Accounts. The seminar will make these writings - which illuminate the significance of Nietzsche and Heidegger for Strauss and address

his early engagement with revealed religion and politics, in a constellation ranging from Hermann Cohen and Franz Rosenzweig to Karl Barth and Carl Schmitt - the subject of a close reading. Selected letters to Karl Löwith, Gershom Scholem and others will be used as supplementary texts.

Instructor(s): Heinrich Meier Terms Offered: Spring, Spring 2024

Prerequisite(s): Undergraduates Need the Instructor's Permission to Register.

Note(s): Monday/Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.*, during the first five weeks of the term (March 18 – April 17, 2024). * The time may be changed after the first session to 10:00 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.

Equivalent Course(s): CLAS 37423, DVPR 37326, SCTH 27326, SCTH 37326, PHIL 27326, CLCV 27423, PHIL 37326

FNDL 27603. Greek Oratory. 100 Units.

Aeschines and Demosthenes. These two orators were fierce rivals in Athens; the luck of textual transmission allows us to read both of them smearing the other, and to explore what apparently passed for valid argument in the Athenian lawcourts. Demosthenes produced his finest work in attacking Aeschines; in this class we will explore both men's writings in depth.

Terms Offered: Spring. Topic: Aeschines and Demosthenes

Prerequisite(s): Two years or more of Greek.

Note(s): This course will not be offered 2022-23 will be offered 2025-26.

Equivalent Course(s): GREK 21900, GREK 31900

FNDL 28005. Ella Deloria's Iron Hawk and the Lak#óta Literary Tradition. 100 Units.

This course explores the Lak#óta epic poem *Iron Hawk*, composed bilingually in the 1920s and 1930s from a centuries-old oral storytelling tradition. We will discuss the poem's major themes of mythic etiology and communal kinship, as expressed in the words of its two named authors, oral poet Makhúla and anthropologist Ella Deloria. Our close reading is grounded in the poem's cultural origins among the Očhéthi Šakówin nation, and we will think carefully about how this story of generosity and kinship implicates indigenous and non-indigenous American readers today. Supplementary readings from Julian Rice, Robert Bringhurst, and David Treuer will help contextualize the poem as a fundamental text of indigenous American literature.

Instructor(s): J. Marsan Terms Offered: Spring

Equivalent Course(s): CRES 28005

FNDL 28280. The Good Place and the Bad Place: Judgement, Punishment, and Living a Good Life. 100 Units.

Do you believe that you are a good person and, if so, why are you good? This course will investigate the connections between personal intentions to be a "good person" and the fear of punishment. What do we owe each other as ethical actors? Do the intentions of our actions matter or only the results of our actions? How can one be good in an increasingly complicated web of intersecting needs, social developments, and understandings of morality? This course will examine conceptions of hell, eternal punishment, and justice in a variety of religious traditions. In addition to reading authors such as Dante and John Milton, students will critically engage *The Good Place*, a sitcom which tackles deep questions of faith, morality, and the complexity of the human person. We will think through competing understandings of justice (retributive, distributive, and restorative) alongside our individual beliefs surrounding fairness and deservingness. No prior knowledge of religious studies or ethics is expected.

Instructor(s): Foster Pinkney Terms Offered: Spring

Equivalent Course(s): RLST 28280, CMLT 28280

FNDL 28332. Dostoevsky's Demons (1871-72) 100 Units.

In this course we will be reading closely and discussing the controversial novel by Fyodor Dostoevsky, *Demons* (Бесы, 1871-72) about political tension and terrorism in late nineteenth century Russia. Based on the historical incident of the "Nechaev cell," a group that killed one of their own members as an act of political provocation, the novel gives a broad picture of the socio-political landscape, ideas about human agency in society, and the sensibilities of different social groups and classes in the late nineteenth century, and offers a philosophical meditation on the nature of political evil. We will read and discuss the novel in Russian. The final paper can be written in Russian or English. Taught in Russian.

Instructor(s): O. Solovieva Terms Offered: Spring

FNDL 28872. Jews in Nazi Germany: Lion Feuchtwanger's novel The Oppermanns in historical context. 100 Units.

Recently republished in 2022, Lion Feuchtwanger's 1933 best-seller *The Oppermanns* depicts a Jewish family who grapple with the Nazi seizure of power in Germany. Like many at the time, the Oppermanns think that the regime will be short-lived, but Feuchtwanger's prescient novel anticipates the entrenchment of Nazi power and the creeping curtailment of Jewish life in Germany with uncanny accuracy-from the thugs attacking individuals to the Ministry of Propaganda's demonization of Jewish Germans in mass media, via the enforced "Aryanization" of businesses required to employ non-Jewish managers. Discussion will focus on Feuchtwanger's nuanced portrayal of the distinct ways in which family members react to these assaults, supplemented by historical texts, including the analysis of Nazi language (1946) by Victor Klemperer, a Jewish-German survivor, and documents in the Weimar Republic Sourcebook.

Equivalent Course(s): JWSC 28872, GRMN 28872, ENGL 28872, CMLT 28872

FNDL 29947. Autotheory/Autofiction. 100 Units.

A resurgence of contemporary life writing has been characterized by the terms "autotheory" and "autofiction." These terms point to ways in which contemporary life writing complicates narrative presentations of selfhood by inflecting autobiography through generically estranged kinds of writing, theory and fiction. Narrative exposition may be further complicated by issues of non-monolingualism and gender insecurity that invite non-narrative exploration within the presentation of a life project. In this course we will examine contemporary exemplars of autotheory and autofiction in light of exemplars from earlier phases of modernity. Readings will include: Fernando Pessoa, Virginia Woolf, Jorge Luis Borges, Roland Barthes, Robert Glück, Lyn Hejinian, Clarice Lispector, Rachel Cusk, Cecilia Vicuña, Paul Preciado, Gloria Anzaldúa, and Raquel Salas-Rivera. All readings will be in English, although there will be an opportunity to discuss texts in French and Spanish in the original language.

Instructor(s): Mark Payne Terms Offered: Autumn

Equivalent Course(s): CMLT 29947

POSSIBLE SUPPORTING COURSES

Supporting Courses are intended to provide further methodological training, historical context, and conceptual frameworks to enrich the student's engagement with the texts, topics, and ideas relevant to his or her project; the selection of such courses will therefore vary considerably from person to person. The list below is a selection of what Fundamentals students might consider as their Supporting Courses, but it is by no means an exhaustive or prescriptive list. Students are encouraged to make a habit of reading the catalogs of other relevant departments and to comb through Class Search (<https://coursesearch.uchicago.edu/>) to locate courses that speak to their interests. The program coordinator and the student's advisers are also valuable resources to consult when planning out the academic year.

ANTH 20009	Embodiment: Governance, Resistance, Ethics	100
ANTH 20701	Introduction to African Civilization I	100
ANTH 20702	Introduction to African Civilization II	100
ANTH 20703	Introduction to African Civilization III	100
ANTH 21015	Media, Culture & Society	100
ANTH 21107	Anthropological Theory	100
ANTH 21333	The Lived Body: Anthropology, Materiality, Meaningful Practice	100
ANTH 22129	The Vocation of a Scientist	100
ANTH 23101	Introduction to Latin American Civilization I	100
ANTH 23102	Introduction to Latin American Civilization II	100
ANTH 23103	Introduction to Latin American Civilization III	100
ANTH 24101	Introduction to the Civilizations of South Asia I	100
ANTH 24102	Introduction to the Civilizations of South Asia II	100
ANTH 24307	Lab, Field, and Clinic: History and Anthropology of Medicine and the Life Sciences	100
ANTH 24312	Body & Soul: The Anthropology of Religion, Health, & Healing	100
ANTH 24315	Culture, Mental Health, and Psychiatry	100
ANTH 24316	Thinking Psychoanalytically: From the Sciences to the Arts	100
ANTH 24345	Anthropology and 'The Good Life': Ethics, Morality, Well-Being	100
ARTH 10100	Introduction to Art	100
ARTH 18000	Photography and Film	100
CLCV 21500	Medieval Book: History, Typology, Function	100
CLCV 22117	Fate and Duty: European Tragedy from Aeschylus to Brecht	100
CMST 10100	Introduction to Film Analysis	100
CMST 14502	Cinema and Poetry: The Modern City	100
CMST 24414	Soviet Science Fiction	100
CMST 27205	Film Aesthetics	100
EALC 10600	Ghosts & the Fantastic in Literature and Film	100
EALC 10704	Topics in EALC: The Modern Short Story in East Asia	100
EALC 24626	Japanese Cultures of the Cold War: Literature, Film, Music	100
EALC 26800	Korean Literature, Foreign Criticism	100
ENGL 10400	Introduction to Poetry	100
ENGL 10600	Introduction to Drama	100
ENGL 10706	Introduction to Fiction	100

ENGL 12300	Poetry And Being	100
ENGL 15107	Some Versions of Apocalypse	100
ENGL 21102	Introduction to Postcolonial Literature and Theory	100
ENGL 23413	Introduction to Literary Theory	100
ENGL 23808	Sonnets from Wyatt to Yeats and Beyond	100
ENGL 26300	The Literature of Disgust, Rabelais to Nausea	100
FREN 21719	Histoire, Superstitions et Croyances dans le roman francophone des XXe et XXIe siècles	100
FREN 21903	Introduction à la littérature française III: Littérature à l'Age des Révolutions	100
GNSE 10310	Theories of Gender and Sexuality	100
GRMN 27717	Opera in the Age of Its Mechanical Reproducibility	100
HIST 25425	Censorship, Info Control, & Revolutions in Info Technology from the Printing Press to the Internet	100
HIST 27705	Introduction to Black Chicago, 1893 to 2010	100
ITAL 22560	Poetic Postures of the Twentieth Century	100
ITAL 29600	The Worlds of Harlequin: Commedia Dell'arte	100
NEHC 20215	Babylon and the Origins of Knowledge	100
NEHC 20504	Introduction to the Hebrew Bible	100
NEHC 20630	Introduction to Islamic Philosophy	100
NEHC 20745	A Social History of the Poet in the Arab and Islamic World	100
PHIL 20000	Introduction to Philosophy of Science	100
PHIL 21002	Human Rights: Philosophical Foundations	100
PHIL 21600	Introduction to Political Philosophy	100
PHIL 21620	The Problem of Evil	100
PHIL 21834	Self-Creation as a Literary and Philosophical Problem	100
PHIL 22209	Philosophies of Environmentalism and Sustainability	100
PHIL 23000	Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology	100
PHIL 23205	Introduction to Phenomenology	100
PHIL 25000	History of Philosophy I: Ancient Philosophy	100
PHIL 26000	History of Philosophy II: Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy	100
PHIL 27000	History of Philosophy III: Kant and the 19th Century	100
PHIL 29411	Consequentialism from Bentham to Singer	100
PLSC 21802	Global Justice and the Politics of Empire	100
PLSC 22700	Happiness	100
PLSC 23313	Democracy and Equality	100
PLSC 26152	A Right to Belong	100
PLSC 26615	Democracy's Life and Death	100
PLSC 28620	The Intelligible Self	100
PLSC 28701	Introduction to Political Theory	100
PLSC 28800	Introduction to Constitutional Law	100
PSYC 23000	Cultural Psychology	100
PSYC 23860	Beyond Good and Evil: The Psychology of Morality	100
PSYC 24055	The Psychological Foundations of Wisdom	100
PSYC 25901	Psychology for Citizens	100
REES 22008	The Fact of the Prague Spring: 1949-1989	100
REES 25602	Russian Short Fiction: Experiments in Form	100
REES 29010	Strangers to Ourselves: Emigre Literature and Film from Russia and Southeast Europe	100
REES 29018	Imaginary Worlds: The Fantastic and Magic Realism in Russia and Southeastern Europe	100
RLST 10100	Introduction to Religious Studies	100
RLST 11030	Introduction to the Qur'an	100
RLST 23026	Suffering, Tragedy, and the Human Condition	100
RLST 24105	Religion, Ethics, War, and Resistance	100

SALC 20901	Indian Philosophy I: Origins and Orientations	100
SALC 20902	Indian Philosophy II: The Classical Traditions	100
SOCI 20002	Society, Power and Change	100
SOCI 20005	Sociological Theory	100
SOCI 20242	States, Markets, and Bodies	100
SPAN 21703	Introducción a las literaturas hispánicas: textos españoles clásicos	100
SPAN 21803	Introducción a las literaturas hispánicas: textos españoles contemporáneos	100
SPAN 21903	Intro. a las lit. hispánicas: textos hispanoamericanos desde la colonia a la independencia	100
SPAN 21910	Contemporary Catalan Literature	100
SPAN 22003	Introducción a las literaturas hispánicas: del modernismo al presente	100
SPAN 22218	De capa y espada: Martial Arts Culture in the Spanish Golden Age	100
SPAN 26210	Witches, Sinners, and Saints	100

