

# DEPARTMENT OF GREEK AND ROMAN STUDIES

## COURSE OUTLINE

### GRST 455: FROM THE EPIC TO THE NOVEL

WINTER 2013

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**TIME AND PLACE OF CLASS:** MWF 11.00-11.50 ST139

#### TEXTBOOKS:

Achilles Tatius, *Leucippe and Cleitophon* (Oxford: World's Classics)  
Apollonius of Rhodes, *Argonautica* (Oxford, World's Classics)  
*Epic of Gilgamesh*, translated by Andrew H. George (Penguin Classics)  
Homer, *Iliad* (translated by Richmond Lattimore)  
Homer, *Odyssey* (translated by Richmond Lattimore)  
Longus, *Daphnis and Chloe* (Penguin Classics)  
Menander, *The Plays and Fragments* (Oxford, Worlds Classics)  
Plutarch, *Greek Lives*, (Oxford, World's Classics)

#### COURSE OBJECTIVE:

Advanced knowledge of ancient Greek literature, especially the epic and novel. Comprehend the nature of the epic in Greek literature and how it may have developed into the prose novel. Comprehend how social forces determine the evolution of literature.

#### COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- 1 An essay of 2000 words, due mid-term (Feb 20). Essay questions will be distributed. Each question will involve the analysis of two of the authors studied in class. The essay will require a bibliography of at least six items (two of which must be books). 40%
- 2 An essay of 2000 words, due at the end of term (Apr 4). Essay questions will be distributed. Each question will involve the analysis of two of the authors studied in class (different to those discussed in the first essay). The essay will require a bibliography of at least six items (two of which must be books). 60%

(Essays must be submitted on or before the due dates by 4.30pm. They should be submitted electronically and they will be returned electronically. Extensions must be finalized before the due date. Quizzes must be taken in the relevant session.)

## NOTES

1. Please note the following dates for the Winter 2013 term:

- Last day to drop full and Winter half courses is Friday, **January 18, 2013. NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE.**
- Last day to add or swap full or Winter half courses or change registration status from audit to credit or credit to audit is Monday, **January 21, 2013.**
- Last day to withdraw, with permission, from full or Winter half courses is Tuesday, **April 16, 2013.**
- Final examination period is **April 19 - 30, 2013.**

2. Students should observe the regulations on “Student Misconduct” (plagiarism, cheating, etc.) which can be found in the on-line version of the 2012-2013 *University of Calgary Calendar*, <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2.html>. If you need guidance about these issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.

3. Disabilities. It is the student’s responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8837. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. For more information, visit the Disability Resource Centre’s website, <http://www.ucalgary.ca/drc>. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of the course.

## Schedule of Lectures

Week 1 (Jan 8-11)

W: Introduction

F: Gilgamesh

Week 2 (Jan 14-18)

M: Gilgamesh

W: Gilgamesh

F: **No lecture**

Week 3 (Jan 21-25)

M: Greek epic

W: Homer *Iliad*

F: Homer *Iliad*

Week 4 (Jan 28-Feb 1)

M: Homer *Iliad*

W: Homer *Iliad*

F: Homer *Iliad*

Week 5 (Feb 4-8)

M: Homer *Odyssey*

W: Homer *Odyssey*

F: Homer *Odyssey*

Week 6 (Feb 11-15)

M: Homer *Odyssey*

W: Homer *Odyssey*

F: Hellenistic literature

**Reading Week** (Feb 18-22)

Week 7 (Feb 25-Mar 1)

M: Apollonius of Rhodes, Book 1

W: Apollonius of Rhodes, Book 2

F: Apollonius of Rhodes, Book 3

Week 8 (Mar 4-8)

M: Apollonius of Rhodes, Book 4

W: Greek theatre

F: Menander

Week 9 (Mar 11-15)

M: Menander

W: Greek Novel

F: Achilles Tatius, Books 1-2

Week 10 (Mar 18-22)

M: Achilles Tatius, Books 3-4

W: Achilles Tatius, Books 5-6

F: Achilles Tatius, Books 7-8

Week 11 (Mar 25-29)

M: Achilles Tatius

W: Greek biography

F: **Good Friday**

Week 12 (Apr 1-5)

M: Plutarch, *Nicias*

W: Plutarch, *Nicias*

F: Plutarch, *Nicias*