

GREEK 4010/6010: Homer  
Fall 2009  
MWF 9.05-9.55 am  
114 Park Hall

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**Office Hours:** W F 10-11 am (and by appointment)

**Course Description:** In this course we will read Homer's *Iliad*, partly from the original text and partly in translation. The goal of this class is threefold: (1) you will hone your reading skills and become fluent in Homer's *Kunstsprache*, (2) you will actively engage with interpretative issues concerning the *Iliad*, and (3) you will be introduced to the main issues and debates in Homeric scholarship. I truly hope that you will enjoy your close encounter with this masterpiece!

**Texts:**

Willcock, M. *Homer. The Iliad*. Bristol Classical Press (vols. 1 and 2).

Cunliffe, R.J. *A Lexicon of the Homeric Dialect*. University Press of Oklahoma. [optional]

\*additional material will be available on eLC\*

**Grade:**

Tests	30% (2x15%)
Paper	20%
Commentary	20%
Book Presentation	20%
Attendance and Participation (incl. pop quizzes)	<u>10%</u>
	100

**Tests:** There will be two (2) hour-long tests. These tests will include translation at sight and scansion. No make-up tests without a doctor's excuse or documentation of a family emergency.

**Paper (due on 12.14):** This course involves a research paper. Undergraduate papers should be 10-15 pages long, graduate ones should be 15-20 pages. All students are encouraged to discuss their paper topics with me early in the semester. **You will submit an abstract of your paper for peer review on 11.30.**

**Commentary (due on 10.26):** Each student will choose a set of lines (20-25 for graduate students, 15-20 for undergraduates) and write a full commentary on them. Your project must include formulaic and metrical analysis, line by line analysis (e.g. interesting vocabulary, dialectal forms, etc.), and a section on broader interpretative issues (relation to the context, themes, reception, etc.). Choose your lines wisely! More details about this project will be given in class.

**Book Presentation (ca. 30 min.):** Each student will teach one book of the *Iliad*. You will be responsible for discussing the main issues of your book (formal and interpretative). Beyond that basic requirement, you are encouraged to develop your presentation towards whatever direction you want. More details about this project will be given in class.

**Attendance and Participation in Class:** Four (4) absences will be allowed without penalty. For each additional absence, one (1) point will be deducted from your final grade. If you miss class, it is your responsibility to obtain notes and go over the material covered either with me (during office hours) or with a classmate.

**Honesty:** I expect all students to adhere to the University Honor Code and Academic Honesty Policy. You are responsible for informing yourselves about the standards contained in "A Culture of Academic Honesty." For detailed information, go to [http://www.uga.edu/honesty/ahpd/culture\\_honesty.htm](http://www.uga.edu/honesty/ahpd/culture_honesty.htm).

**Syllabus:** This syllabus is tentative and subject to change. Assignments are **due** on the day they appear on the syllabus.

Week 1

M 08.17	Intro to course
W 08.19	Lecture
F 08.21	Lecture

Week 2

<b>M 08.24</b>	<i>Iliad</i> 1.1-100 [U: 1-56] <sup>1</sup> <b>Exercise due: transcribe 1-21 into Attic Greek.</b>
W 08.26	1.101-252 [130-200]
F 08.28	Lecture

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<sup>1</sup> The undergraduates should read the rest of each assignment in translation.

Week 3

M 08.31 1.253-412 [326-412]  
W 09.02 1.413-610 [487-550]  
F 09.04 Lecture

Week 4

M 09.07 No Class (Labor Day)  
W 09.09 2.95-282 & 484-493 & 780-785  
[206-282 & 484-493 & 780-785]<sup>2</sup>  
Read the rest of Book 2 in English  
F 09.11 3.1-244 [154-244]  
3.160-460 [369-460]

Week 5

M 09.14 No Class (read Book 23 from translation – see below)  
**T 09.15 Your presence at J. Strauss Clay's lecture is mandatory.**  
W 09.16 4.1-222 & 539-544 [68-147 & 539-544]  
F 09.18 Article Discussion

Week 6

M 09.21 Book 5 – Read in English  
W 09.23 6.73-285 [119-236]  
F 09.25 6.286-502 [392-502]

Week 7

M 09.28 Book 7 & 8 (presentations) – Read in English  
W 09.30 catch-up day  
**F 10.02 Translation Exam #1**

Week 8

M 10.05 9.1-221 [114-221]  
W 10.07 9.222-429  
F 10.09 9.430-619 [430-526]

Week 9

M 10.12 9.620-713 [527-655]  
Catch-up  
W 10.14 Books 10 & 11 (presentations) - Read in English

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<sup>2</sup> You are responsible for reading the rest of the book in English. The same applies to all assignments of this kind.

F 10.16 Books 12 & 13 (presentations) – Read in English

Week 10

M 10.19 Books 13 & 14 (presentations) – Read in English

W 10.21 Book 15 – Read in English

catch-up

[Th. 10.22 Withdrawal Deadline]

F 10.23 16.1-167 & 419-508 [419-525]

Week 11

**M 10.26** 16.509-568 & 635-697 & 777-867  
[635-683 & 777-867]

**Commentary Due**

W 10.28 Book 17 – Read in English

F 10.30 No Class (Fall Break)

Week 12

M 11.02 18.1-250

W 11.04 18.468-617 & 19.1-39

F 11.06 19.42-237 & 392-424 [42-183]

Week 13

M 11.09 Books 20 & 21 (presentations) – Read in English

W 11.11 Books 22 & 23 (presentations) – Read in English

F 11.13 catch-up

Week 14

M 11.16 24.1-246 [1-202]

W 11.18 24.247-476 [349-476]

F 11.20 24.477-676 [477-570 & 596-676]

Week 15

M 11.23 No Class (Thanksgiving)

W 11.25 No Class (Thanksgiving)

F 11.27 No Class (Thanksgiving)

Week 16

**M 11.30** 24.677-804

**Abstracts due for peer review**

W 12.02 Catch-up day  
F 12.04 **Translation Test #2**

Week 17

M 12.07 Article Discussion  
**Peer reviews due**

T 12.08 Article Discussion – Wrap Up

W 12.14 **Paper Due at 11am.**