

## ***GREK 4010/6010: Homer's Iliad***

**Fall Semester, 2006**  
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### **Required Texts:**

Willcock, M., *Homer: Iliad I-XII*. Vol. I (Macmillan 1978, repr. by Focus Press)  
Willcock, M., *Homer: Iliad XIII-XXIV*. Vol. II (Macmillan 1984, repr. by Focus Press)  
Cunliffe, R. J. *A Lexicon of the Homeric Dialect* (Oklahoma 1963)  
Essays on line at my web-site at [www.classics.uga.edu](http://www.classics.uga.edu) (click on "course websites")  
To access "links" to essays, type username (**student**) and login (**hellas**).

### **Optional Texts** (copies will be in 222 on our class shelf):

Macleod, Colin, *Iliad Book XXIV* (Cambridge University Press 1982).  
Translation of the *Iliad* (by Lattimore, Fagles, Fitzgerald, or Lombardo)  
Cairns, Douglas L., ed. *Oxford Readings in Homer's Iliad*. Oxford 2001)

### **Goals:**

1. To develop proficiency in reading Homeric Greek, both silently with comprehension and aloud metrically;
2. To master the dactylic hexameter and be attuned to metrical anomalies;
3. To master the epic dialect, at least in terms of deciphering forms;
4. To understand formulaic composition techniques and to explore **oral poetics** through outside readings and our own experience of the text;
5. To hone our interpretive skills, as a class, by identifying important issues for the *Iliad*.
6. Add your own:

### **Requirements:**

Attend classes and participate actively –in translating and interpreting the text.  
Undergrads: present one article; write two 5-page essays, one test, final exam  
Grads: present one article; write 15-page term paper (making use of three or more bibliographical items), one test, final exam

I will offer one extra sight-reading class each week, especially for graduate and more advanced students: time and place tba.

*Please skim books of the Iliad in English to follow the story. A plot summary, book by book, can be found in Willcock, I xv – xix and II xv - xvii. On Homeric Hexameter, see Willcock I xxiv-xxii. On dialect, see Willcock I xxii-xxiii; also Smyth, Introduction, 'The Greek Language and its Dialects' and Autenrieth, A Homeric Dictionary, pp. xi-xvi 'Homeric Dialect'. Cunliffe has a summary of Conditions pp. 431-445.*

**Final:** Mon., Dec. 12, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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This syllabus is a general plan for the course; it may be necessary for me to announce deviations and make additions to the assignments as the semester progresses. Asterisk (\*) means optional supplemental reading; emboldened dates are Mondays. Students should sign up for presenting articles; all will be available in pdf form at the course website ([www.classics.uga.edu](http://www.classics.uga.edu)) and in Room 222.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic for Discussion</i>	<i>Reading Assignments (to be completed by class time on the date listed). Unless otherwise stated, the online assignments are available on the course website and on our shelf in 222.</i>	<i>Writing Assignment Due Dates</i>
Aug 16	Introduction to the course	At sight: Book I, lines 1-32. Identify epithets and formulae.	
Aug 18	Proem, themes, orality	Redfield, "Proem" Questions. At sight, I, 33-67	
<b>Aug 21</b>	Date of composition; origins	1, 68-120 + Cairns, "Intro," Part 1 (pp. 1-12)	
Aug 23		1, 121-187	
Aug 25		1, 188-252	
<b>Aug 28</b>	The Gods	1, 253-317 + Cairns, "Intro," Part II (12-24) *Lesky, "Causation" (170-202)	
Aug 30		1, 318-385; *de Jong, "I. 366-92" (478-495)	
Sept 1		1, 386-445 + 446-487 in Greek or English	
Sept 4	Labor Day – no class: use time to review Book 1 for Test 1.		
Sept 6		1, 488-569 + 570-561 in Greek or English	
Sept 8		TEST ON BOOK 1, lines 1-445; short identifications of terms, themes	
<b>Sept 11</b>	Epic Cycle	Slatkin, "Thetis" + Book 5, 1-122 English (or Greek); *Griffin, "Epic Cycle" (365-0384)	
Sept 13		6, 123-195	
Sept 15		6, 196-262	
<b>Sept 18</b>		6, 263-331	Undergrads: essay Grads: outline due by 5 pm
Sept 20		6.332-399	
Sept 22		6.400-482	

<b>Sept 25</b>	Orality and Formularity	Foley and Russo At sight: 6, 483-529	
Sept 27		•	
Sept 29		•	
Oct 2		•	
<b>Oct 4</b>	<b>Midterm</b>		
Oct 6		•	
<b>Oct 9</b>			
Oct 11		•	
Oct 13		•	
Oct 16		•	
Oct 18		•	
Oct 20		•	Bibliography for research paper due by 3:30
<b>Oct 23</b>			
Oct 25		•	PM due by 3:30
<b>Oct 26-27</b>	<b>Fall Break – no class</b>		
Oct 30		•	
Nov 1		•	
<b>Nov 3</b>			
Nov 6		•	Rough draft of research paper due by 3:30
Nov 8			
Nov 10		•	
Nov 13		•	

Nov 15		•	
Nov 17		•	
Nov 20			
<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>Paper deadline. Papers are due in class on Monday the 20th; late papers will not be accepted.</b>		
<b>Nov 22- 24</b>	<b>Thanksgiving break – no class</b>		
Nov 27		•	
Nov 29		•	
Dec 1			
Dec 4			
Dec 6	Last Day of Class Evaluations		
<b>Dec 14</b>	<b>Final exam</b>		