

Civilization Studies Program

CVSP 207 I : READING AND LECTURE SCHEDULE Fall 2019

All sessions in Nicely Hall Room 417, MWF 11-11:50 am

Date	Lecture	Assignment
Aug 30 – Sep 9	Introduction / polytheisms and Greek Tragedy	Sophocles, <i>Oedipus the King</i> , in <i>The Three Theban Plays</i> (translation Robert Fagles, Penguin Classics) .
Sep 11 – 20	Greek Rationalism	CVSP Reading Selection. Selections from Plato, <i>The Republic</i> (trans. Desmond Lee, Penguin) .
Sep 23 – Oct 2	Hebrew Scriptures* (The Law)	CVSP Reading Selection. <i>The Jerusalem Bible</i> : Genesis, 1-15; Exodus, 1-3; 19-20; Deuteronomy, 6-7. (Also, <i>Epic of Gilgamesh</i> , "Story of the Flood," and <i>Enuma Elish</i> , and Egyptian creation stories).
Oct 4 – 11	Hebrew Scriptures* (The Prophets)	CVSP Reading Selection. <i>The Jerusalem Bible</i> : Jonah; Ezekiel 16-18; Daniel 7,12.
Oct 14 – 21	Christian Scriptures* (Gospels)	CVSP Reading Selection. <i>The Jerusalem Bible</i> : Luke 1-22; John 1 and 12-21.
Oct 23 – 28	Christian Scriptures* (Community)	CVSP Reading Selection. <i>The Jerusalem Bible</i> : Acts 1-4 and I Corinthians 1,2,13-15.
Oct 28 – Nov 8	Islamic Scriptures *	CVSP Reading Selection. <i>The Qur'ān</i> (translation Tarif Khalidy, Viking, 2008) : al-Fātiḥa (The Opening),I; al-Baqara (The Cow), 2: 14-23; 255-286; Āl 'Imrān (The House of 'Imran), 3: 55-68; al-A' rāf (The Battlements),7:1- 32; 172-175; al-Ḥijr (al-Hijr), 15: 26-50; al-Muddathir (Enfolded), 74; al-Qiyāma (Resurrection), 75; al-Insān (Man), 76; al-'Alaq (The Blood Clot), 96; al-Ikhlāṣ (True Devotion), 112.
Nov 10 – Dec 2	Islamic theology* (kalaam) & Jurisprudence (fiqh)	CVSP Selections from al-Shafi'i and al-Hilli
		DEC 4 – 6 : READING PERIOD
		DEC 9 - 19 : FINAL EXAMS
Drop and Add period : August 30 - September 6, 2019		Last day of course withdrawal : November 21, 2019

* All Selections from the Monotheistic Scriptures will be addressing Creation, Covenant (God-Man relationship), laws, and eschatology. On a second level, they will be addressed as a narrative of Salvation History. The selections will try to cover different genres within Scriptures (example: historical narrative, interpretive texts, psalms, prophecies, law, ethics, Makki and Madani, etc.) and various narrative points of view.

CVSP source references: To access all material, go to : AUB homepage, A-Z, click on Civilization Studies (CVSP), click on Readings and Lectures, select 207 I .