# **LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE, 2019-2020**

**LBCL 291: THE STRUCTURE AND DYNAMICS**

## **OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION, I**

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| **Section A**: T/TH 10:15-11:30 Lecture/Lab: T 9:00-9:50  Prof. X. XXXX(Fall)  Prof G. Fidler (Winter) | **Section B:** T/TH 11:45-13:00 Lecture/Lab : T 9:00-9:50  Prof. J. Martineau (Fall)  Prof G. Fidler (Winter) |

**N.B.:** **ATTENDANCE IS** **REQUIRED AT** ***ALL*** **LECTURES AND SEMINARS.**

**A pattern of non-attendance can result in a failing grade.**

**In accordance with College and University regulations, plagiarism is strictly prohibited and will result in serious sanctions. Students should familiarize themselves with the code of rights and responsibilities of the university:**

**http://concordia.ca/vpirsg/documents/policies/BD-3.pdf**

### READINGS

Required readings should be purchased from the University Bookstore (SGW Campus) or purchased online. Some readings will be found on a class Google Drive folder (a link will be sent to students during the term). Copies of all readings are also found in the LAC library. All reading assignments **must** be prepared **before** each class.

##### ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Two regular **exams** are given in the regular periods (December and April). There are four **lecture quizzes** throughout the academic year. Students are responsible for **three short essays/reflections** (2-3typed and double-spaced pages) in the first semester (due Sept. 12th, Oct. 17th, and Nov. 28th) and **one** in the second semester (due Feb. 20th), each pertaining to specific seminar readings covered from the beginning of the term (or last short essay/reflection due date) and the next due date (see the Syllabus). In the second semester a longer research/writing exercise, the **Long Essay**, is due. This is an 8-10 pp. typed paper, including footnotes and bibliography--on an approved topic chosen in consultation with instructors. The long essay will use at least two secondary sources. Students will choose a topic, hand-in a “contract,” and submit a detailed preliminary outline and bibliography. The contract is due January 30th. The outline and bibliography, worth 20% of the overall long essay grade, is due March 5th. The long essay is due March 26th.

Written assignments must be **typed,** and **submitted in class on the required** **date;** **late submission will automatically lower the grade, according to the standard of the instructor.** Students must keep **copies** of rough drafts (and related notes) for all submitted work.

Footnoting form and style, must follow the guidelines in one of the recognized manuals of style such as the MLA or Chicago handbooks (available online through the Concordia library). Rules for Writers, by Diana Hacker, is also recommended and available in the LAC library.

##### FINAL GRADES

Final grades are based upon the following:

* 20%­—Short Essays/Reflections

###### 20%—Long Research Essay and Proposal

* 10%—FOUR Lecture Quizzes (during Tuesday morning lecture times, based on lecture material)
* 10%—Participation & Attendance

###### 20%—December Exam (1st Semester Material)

* 20%—April Exam (2nd Semester Material)

LBCL 291 SYLLABUS: FIRST SEMESTER

TEXTS FOR FIRST SEMESTER

1. The New Oxford Annotated Bible 4th Edition, NRSV (any complete translation may be used).
2. Plato, Republic (Basic Books)
3. Thucydides, Peloponnesian Wars (Penguin)
4. Aristotle, Politics (Penguin)
5. Marcus Aurelius, Meditations (Penguin)
6. Google Drive Readings (Cicero)

**Recommended Textbook (for supplemental reading)**

1. Kagan, Ozment & Turner, eds., The Western Heritage, 11th ed. (***earlier editions, while usable, will have different pagination***), Vol. I (Pearson). Note that the recommended readings are given for each week in the course calendar below (far left column under “TEXT”). The textbook is available in the LAC library.

TEXT WEEK DATE TOPIC

1-26  **I** Tues, Sept. 3 L*: INTROD. / ANCIENT NEAR EAST* (*Prof. Carty*)

Tues, Sept. 3 S: Genesis, [Bible], 1-11

Thurs., Sept. 5 S: Genesis, 12-36

26-32 **II** Tues., Sept. 10 L*: HEBRAIC FOUNDATIONS* (*Prof. Carty*)

Tues., Sept. 10 S: Genesis, 37-50

Thurs., Sept.12 S: Exodus, 1-24, 32-34, 40

**1ST SHORT ESSAY DUE**

33-40 **III** Tues., Sept. 17 L:***No Lecture***

Tues., Sept. 17 S: Deuteronomy, 1, 4-7, 10-11, 15, 17, 19, 29-31, 34;

Leviticus, 18-20

Thurs., Sept. 19 S: Isaiah, 1-11; 25-26

41-78  **IV** Tues., Sept. 24 L: *ANCIENT GREECE: ARCHAIC TO POLIS* (*Prof. Carty)*

Tues., Sept. 24 S: Isaiah, 40-42; 52-56, 65-66

Thurs., Sept. 26 S: Plato, Republic, I

41-78 **V** Tues., Oct. 1 L: *GREEK PHILOSOPHICAL SCHOOLS* (*Prof. Carty*)

Tues., Oct. 1 S: Plato, Republic, II-III

Thurs., Oct. 3 S: Plato, Republic, IV-V

78-96 **VI** Tues., Oct. 8 L*:* ***FIRST LECTURE QUIZ*** *(Weeks I-V)*

Tues., Oct. 8 S: Plato, Republic, VI-VII

Thurs., Oct. 10 S: Plato, Republic, VIII-IX

97-109 **VII** Tues., Oct. 15 L: ***No Lecture***

Tues., Oct. 15 S: Plato, Republic, X

Thurs., Oct. 17S: Thucydides, Peloponnesian Wars, pp.35-49, 87-103 [Bk I, pars.1-23, 89-117] Optional: pp. 72-86 [pars. 66-88]

**2nd SHORT ESSAY DUE**

109-129 **VIII** Tues., Oct. 22 L: *ANCIENT ROME: FOUNDING TO REPUBLIC* (*Prof. Carty*)

Tues., Oct. 22 S: Thucydides, Peloponnesian Wars, pp.103-108, 124-164 [Book I, pars. 118-125, Two, pars. 1-65]

Thurs. Oct. 24 **NO CLASS: NEW YORK CITY TRIP**

130-145 **IX** Tues., Oct. 29 L: *ROME: FROM REPUBLIC TO EMPIRE* (*Prof. Carty*)

Tues., Oct. 29 S: Thucydides, Peloponnesian Wars, 212-223; 236- 245; 400-409 [Book Three, pars. 36-50; 69-86; Book Five, pars. 84-116]; Optional: pp. 194-195; 525-42 [pars. VII 72-VIII 6)

Thurs., Oct. 31 S: Aristotle, Politics, Book I (chaps. 1-13)

**X** Tues., Nov. 5 L: *THE HELLENISTIC WORLD AND BYZANTIUM* (*Prof. Carty*)

Tues., Nov. 5 S: Aristotle, Politics, Book II (chs. 1-5) and Book III (chs. 1-5)

Thurs., Nov. 7 S: Aristotle, Politics, Book III (chs. 6-13); IV (chs. 1-12); Optional: VII (chs. 1- 3), VIII (chs. 1-3)

145-165 **XI** Tues., Nov. 12 L: *CHRISTIAN ORIGINS* (*Prof. Carty*)

Tues., Nov. 12S: Cicero, On Duties Book I pp. 1-33 & “Dream of Scipio” [Google Drive] Thurs., Nov.14 S: Marcus Aurelius, Meditations Books 1-4, 6, 8 & 12.

165-186 **XII** Tues., Nov. 19 L: *GOSPELS & PAUL, I* (*Prof. Carty*)

Tues., Nov. 19 S: Gospel of Matthew, Chaps. 1-14

Thurs., Nov. 21 S: Gospel of Matthew, Chaps. 15-28

**XIII** Tues., Nov. 26 L: ***SECOND LECTURE QUIZ*** *(Weeks VIII-XII)*

Tues., Nov. 26 S: Paul, Letter to the Romans, Chaps. 1-7

Thurs., Nov. 28 S: Paul, Letter to the Romans, Chaps. 8-16

**3rd SHORT ESSAY DUE**

LBCL 291 SYLLABUS: SECOND SEMESTER

##### TEXTS FOR SECOND SEMESTER

1. Augustine, City of God (Image Books)
2. Machiavelli, N., Prince (Mansfield translation; Chicago)
3. Machiavelli, Discourses on Livy (Mansfield/Tarcov translation; Chicago)
4. More, Utopia (Yale)
5. Pascal, Pensées (Penguin)
6. Descartes, Discourse on Method (Penguin)
7. Hobbes, Leviathan (Penguin)
8. Google Drive Readings (Aquinas, Petrarch, Pico, Luther, Calvin, Theresa)

TEXT WEEK DATE TOPIC

186-205 **XIV** Tues., Jan.7 L:***No Lecture***

Tues., Jan. 7 S: Augustine, City of God, Part One, Books I-IV (pp. 1-66). Note: our LAC library has many copies of an earlier edition with different pagination.

Thurs., Jan. 9 S: Augustine, City of God, Part One, Book V (67-88); Part Two, Book X, chaps 20-32 (pp. 172-180); Part Three, Book XI chaps 1-30 (pp. 181-220); Book XIII chaps 1-15 (pp. 250-262).

206-264 **XV** Tues., Jan. 14 L:  *FROM FEUDALISM TO THE 13TH CENTURY* (*Prof. Fidler)*

Tues., Jan. 14 S: Augustine, City of God, Part Four, Book XVIII, chaps 43-54 (pp. 405-417); Part Five, Book XIX, Chaps 13-19 (pp. 449-462); Book XX. Chaps 1-30 (pp. 478-488); Book XXII, Chaps 22-25 (pp. 515-529).

Thurs., Jan. 16 S: Aquinas, Summa Theologiae, pp. 3-27 [Google Drive]

265-287 **XVI** Tues., Jan. 21 L*: FOURTEENTH CENTURY CRISIS & EARLY RENAISSANCE (Prof. Fidler)*

Tues., Jan. 21 S: Aquinas, Summa Theologiae, pp. 609-627, [Google Drive]

Thurs., Jan. 23 S: Aquinas, Summa Theologiae, pp. 628-650; 651-663; 678-681 [Google Drive]

288-303 **XVII** Tues., Jan. 28 L: *THE ITALIAN AND NORTHERN RENAISSANCE* (*Prof. Carty*)

Tues., Jan. 28 S: Petrarch, On His Own Ignorance and That of Many Others (pp 49-93) [Google Drive]

Thurs., Jan. 30 S: Petrarch, On His Own Ignorance (cont’d: pp. 93- 133); Optional: “The Ascent of Mt. Ventoux”; Canzoniere 199 and 365. [Google Drive]

**LONG ESSAY CONTRACT DUE**

303-312 **XVIII** Tues., Feb. 4 L: *AGE OF DISCOVERIES: EVENTS AND IDEAS* (*Prof. Fidler*)

Tues., Feb. 4 S: Pico della Mirandola, On the Dignity of Man [Google Drive]

Thurs., Feb. 6 S: Machiavelli, Discourses, Greeting; Introduction; Book One, Chaps. 1-6, 9-12

308-312 **XIX** Tues., Feb. 11 L: ***THIRD LECTURE QUIZ*** *(Weeks XV-XVIII)*

Tues., Feb. 11 S: Machiavelli, Discourses, Book One, chaps. 16-18, 25-27, 49, 55, 58; Book Two, chaps. 2; 29; Book Three, chaps. 40-42

Thurs. Feb. 13 S: Machiavelli, The Prince**,** chs. 1-14

312-319 **XX** Tues., Feb. 18 L: *THE REFORMATION* (*Prof. Carty*)

Tues., Feb. 18 S: Machiavelli, The Prince**,** chs. 15-26

Thurs., Feb. 20 S: More, Utopia, Book I

**4TH SHORT ESSAY DUE**

**WEEK OF FEB. 24: MID-TERM BREAK**

320-353 **XXI** Tues., Mar. 3 L: *AGE OF REFORM AND RELIGIOUS WARS* (*Prof. Fidler*)

Tues., Mar. 3 S: More, Utopia, Book II

Thurs., Mar. 5 S: Luther: Freedom of a Christian [Google Drive]

**PROPOSAL DUE (20% of Essay grade)**

354-384  **XXII** Tues., Mar. 10 L: *THE SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION* (*Prof. Carty*)

Tues., Mar. 10 S: Calvin Institutes of the Christian Religion Dedication to King Francis [Google Drive]

Thurs., Mar. 12 S: Calvin, “On Civil Government” (Excerpt from Institutes) [Google Drive]

417-448 **XXIII** Tues., Mar. 17 L: *THE DUTCH REPUBLIC* (*Prof. Fidler*)

Tues., Mar. 17 S: St. Theresa of Àvila, The Book of Her Life, Preface, Chs. 8-10, 18, 20-21 [Google Drive]

Thurs., Mar. 19 S: Descartes, Discourse on Method, Books 1-4

385-387 **XXIV** Tues., Mar. 24 L: *THE ENGLISH REVOLUTION* (*Prof. Fidler*)

Tues., Mar. 24 S: Descartes, Discourse on Method, Books 5-6

Thurs., Mar. 26 S: Pascal, Pensées, Sect. 1, Chs. 1-14

**LONG ESSAY DUE**

388-395 **XXV** Tues., Mar. 31 L: ***FOURTH LECTURE QUIZ*** *(Weeks XX-XXV)*

Tues., Mar. 31 S: Pascal, Pensées, Sect. 1, Chs. 15-27 & Section II, Ch. 2: “the Wager”

Thurs., Apr. 2 S: Hobbes, Leviathan, Frontispiece; “Dedication”; “Introduction”; “Of Man”,

chs. 1-4

395-416 **XXVI** Tues., Apr. 7 L: ***No Lecture***

& 426-428 Tues., Apr. 7 S: Hobbes, Leviathan, “Of Man”, chs.5-6; 11-14

Thurs., Apr. 9 S: Hobbes, Leviathan, “Of Commonwealth”, chs.17-18, 21, 24, 29