The Core Course is intended to introduce graduate students to basic scholarly methods and problems in the central areas of the discipline. The section on literature will focus on reading ancient literature critically by considering the main generic divisions in Greek and Latin literature, and discussion will be built around the consideration of particular interpretative problems. Emphasis will fall on both the reading of ancient texts and modern scholarship on them. Each class will begin with lectures on the relevant aspects of literary and scholarly history, and proceed to discuss the texts and the selected scholarship.

Students are not required to read the ancient texts in Greek and Latin, but discussion in class will frequently refer to issues of language. For the purposes of this class it is unimportant what translations are used, and students are encouraged to make use of on-line resources (the on-line Loeb Classical Library is convenient). The modern scholarship marked with an asterisk (*) is also easily available electronically; PDFs of the other texts will be posted on OWL.

**Evaluation**

The grade for the section (worth 1/3 of the final mark) will be derived from:

- Participation (25%)
- A test (essay questions) (Nov. 8) (75%)

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† Friedrich Nietzsche, Preface (§ 5) to *Morgenröte* (1881) = *Werke: Kritische Gesamtausgabe* 5.1 (Berlin and New York 1971).
Schedule and Readings

Week 1: September 13

*Philology and Interpretation (I): Textual Criticism*

- PDF posted on OWL

Week 2: September 20

*Philology and Interpretation (II): Scholarship and Lexicography*

- PDF and PowerPoint slides

Week 3: September 27

*Epic: Oral Theory and the Epic Tradition*

Ancient Texts:
- *Odyssey* 9 (Polyphemus episode)
- *Vergil, Aeneid* 3.588-691

Modern scholarship:

Week 4: October 4

*Lyric and Personal Poetry*

Ancient texts:
- Pindar, *Olympian* 1
- Horace 4.2
- Propertius 3.1

Modern scholarship:
Week 5: October 11

Drama: Tragic Hero, Comic Hero, and the Polis

Ancient Texts:
- Sophocles, Oedipus Tyrannos
- Aristotle, Poetics 13
- Aristophanes, Frogs

Modern scholarship:

Week 6: October 18

Philosophy: Fragments, Doxography, Dialogues

Ancient Texts:
- Prosocratics handout
- Plato, Apology of Socrates

Modern Scholarship:

Week 7: October 25

- From Greece to Rome

Graecia capta ferum uictorem cepit et artis
intulit agresti Latio

Plautus, Menaechmi
Seneca, Medea

Modern Scholarship:

Week 8: November 8

Test