



St. John's College

Prospective Student Seminar Reading List by Visit Date

FALL 2018 – SPRING 2019

FALL 2018 SEMESTER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SEMINAR</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>READING SELECTION</u>
Thursday, 8/30	Junior	Descartes	<i>Meditations (To the Reader, Synopsis, Meditations I-III)</i>
Thursday, 9/6	Junior	Pascal	<i>Pensées (See Appendix)</i>
Monday, 9/10	Junior	Pascal	<i>Pensées (See Appendix)</i>
Thursday, 9/13	Junior	Milton	<i>Paradise Lost</i> [Books 1-3]
Monday, 9/17	Junior	Milton	<i>Paradise Lost</i> [Books 4-5; 8-9]
Thursday, 9/20	Sophomore	Old Testament	<i>Job</i>
Monday, 9/24	Junior	Hobbes	<i>Leviathan</i> (“Dedication”, “Preface”, Chapters 1-9)
Thursday, 9/27	Senior	Kierkegaard	<i>Fear and Trembling</i> (“Preface”, “First Problem”, “Epilogue”)
Monday, 10/1	Sophomore	Hobbes	<i>Leviathan</i> (Chapters 1-9)
Thursday, 10/4	Sophomore	Virgil	<i>Aeneid</i> (Books 1-4)
Monday, 10/8	Senior	Nietzsche	<i>On the Advantage and Disadvantage of History for Life</i>
Monday, 10/15	Senior	Nietzsche	<i>Beyond Good and Evil</i> [Book III; Book IX]
Thursday, 10/18	Junior	Rousseau	<i>Discourse on the Origin of Inequality (Part II)</i>
Monday, 10/22	Freshman	Plato	<i>Republic</i> [Books II-III]
Thursday, 10/25	Freshman	Plato	<i>Republic</i> [Books IV-V]
Monday, 10/29	Sophomore	New Testament	<i>John</i> , and the <i>First Epistle of John</i>
Thursday, 11/1	Freshman	Plato	<i>Republic</i> [Books VIII-IX]
Monday, 11/5	Freshman	Plato	<i>Republic</i> [X]
Thursday, 11/8	Freshman	Aristophanes	<i>Clouds</i>
Monday, 11/12	Freshman	Plato	<i>Apology, Crito</i>
Thursday, 11/15	Sophomore	Aristotle	<i>On the Soul</i> [III; 3-13, I, 4, 408b 18-30]
Monday, 11/19	Sophomore	Plotinus	<i>Enneads</i> (“Beauty”, “Three Primal Hypostases”, “Contemplation”)
Monday, 11/26	Sophomore	Augustine	<i>Confessions</i> 1-6



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Thursday, 11/29	Freshman	Plato	<i>Theaetetus</i> [187a-210c]
Monday, 12/3	Sophomore	Augustine	<i>Confessions</i> [10-11]
Thursday, 12/6	Freshman	Plato	<i>Sophist</i> [216a-249d]
Monday, 12/10	Freshman	Plato	<i>Sophist</i> [249d-end]

SPRING 2019 SEMESTER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SEMINAR</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>READING SELECTION</u>
Thursday, 1/17	Junior	Swift	<i>Gulliver's Travels</i> (parts 3-4)
Monday, 1/21	Senior	Dostoevsky	<i>The Brothers Karamazov</i> (Book XII and Epilogue)
Thursday, 1/24	Junior	Leibniz	<i>Philosophical Essays</i> ["Principles of Nature and Grace", "Monadology"]
Monday, 1/28	Sophomore	Dante	<i>Inferno</i> [Cantos 1-17]
Thursday, 1/31	Junior	Hume	<i>Treatise of Human Nature (Book I, Part III: Sections VII-VIII, X, XIV, XV) Symposium</i> [172a–201c]
Monday, 2/5	Freshman	Plato	<i>Introductory Lectures (I-VIII)</i>
Monday, 2/11	Senior	Freud	<i>The Divine Comedy (Paradiso: Cantos 18-end)</i>
Thursday, 2/14	Sophomore	Dante	<i>Nichomachean Ethics (IV, V)</i>
Monday, 2/18	Freshman	Aristotle	<i>Mrs. Dalloway</i>
Thursday, 2/21	Senior	Woolf	<i>Canterbury Tales</i>
Monday, 2/25	Sophomore	Chaucer	<i>Nichomachean Ethics</i> [Book X]
Thursday, 2/28	Freshman	Aristotle	<i>The Dead</i>
Monday, 3/4	Senior	Joyce	<i>Heart of Darkness</i>
Thursday, 3/7	Senior	Conrad	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> (Vol I-II)
Monday, 3/25	Junior	Austen	



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Thursday, 3/28	Senior	Dostoyevsky	<i>The Brothers Karamazov (Part IV; Book X and XI)</i>
Monday, 4/1	Sophomore	Shakespeare	<i>Midsummer's Night Dream</i>
Thursday, 4/4	Junior	Rousseau	<i>Social Contract, (III, IV)</i>
Monday, 4/8	Senior	Tocqueville	<i>Democracy in America</i>
Thursday, 4/11	Senior	Tocqueville	<i>Democracy in America</i>
Monday, 4/15	Senior	Lincoln	<i>Dred Scott Decision</i>
Thursday, 4/18	Senior	Lincoln	<i>Speeches: Constitutional Amendments</i>
Monday, 4/22	Sophomore	Shakespeare	<i>Henry IV, Part I</i>
Thursday, 4/25	Junior	Hawthorne	<i>Scarlet Letter (Author's Preface; "Custom House; Chapters 1-8)</i>
Monday, 4/29	Sophomore	Shakespeare	<i>Macbeth</i>
Thursday, 5/2	Freshman	Euripides	<i>Medea</i>
Monday, 5/6	Senior	O'Connor	<i>Good Country People</i>
Thursday 5/9	Sophomore	Shakespeare	<i>Othello</i>
Monday, 5/13	Sophomore	Shakespeare	<i>King Lear</i>



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APPENDIX

Pensées are numbered differently in the three editions that are generally available; the reading assignments are listed by edition.

Key: **P** – Penguin; **D/ML** – Dover/Dutton & Modern Library; **GB** – Great Books Editions

Thursday, 9/7						Monday, 9/11					
P	D/ML	GB	P	D/ML	GB	P	D/ML	GB	P	D/ML	GB
512	1	1	182	272	272	60	294	294	212	527	528
511	2	2	173	273	273	103	298	298	353	528	529
751	3	3	530	274	274	554	303	303	712	529	530
513	4	4	975	275	275	977	320	320	538	530	537
675	29	29	983	276	276	688	323	323	358	537	542
587	34	34	423	277	277	525	325	325	190	542	546
647	35	35	424	278	278	26	330	330	189	546	555
199	72	72	588	279	279	533	331	331	449	555	563
44	82	82	377	280	280	200	347	347	835	563	570
45	83	83	155	281	281	33	374	374	502	570	581
978	100	100	110	282	282	905	385	385	926	581	584
622	131	131				109	392	392	242	584	585
136	139	139				406	395	395	446	585	608
137	142	142				128	396	396	286	608	612
523	145	145				114	397	397	281	612	618
414	171	171				117	409	409	454	618	619
427	194	194				621	412	412	451	619	639
612	219	219				410	413	413	311	639	643
429	229	229				122	416	416	392	643	669
418	233	233				121	418	418	270	669	683
577	234	234				148	425	425	257	683	691
781	242	242				149	430	430	269	691	692
808	245	245				131	434	434	198	692	736
188	267	267				208	435	435	793	736	792
170	268	268				142	463	463	308	792	807
167	269	269				398	524	525	846	807	810
174	270	270				352	525	526	184	810	811
82	271	271				192	526	527	169	811	812