



**SCHEDULE OF SEMINAR READINGS**  
**First Semester, 2019-20**  
**St. John's College | Annapolis, Maryland**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FRESHMAN</b>	<b>SOPHOMORE</b>	<b>JUNIOR</b>	<b>SENIOR</b>
Aug. 22	Homer: <i>Iliad</i> , I–VI	<i>Bible</i> Genesis 1–11	Cervantes: <i>Don Quixote</i>	Tolstoi: <i>War and Peace</i>
Aug. 26	Homer: <i>Iliad</i> , VII–XII	<i>Bible</i> Genesis 12–25	Cervantes: <i>Don Quixote</i>	Tolstoi: <i>War and Peace</i>
Aug. 29	Homer: <i>Iliad</i> , XIII–XVIII	<i>Bible</i> Genesis 26–50	Descartes: <i>Meditations</i> , Letter of Dedication, Preface, I–III	Hegel: <i>Phenomenology of Spirit</i> , Preface: On Scientific Cognition (sections 1–37)
Sept. 2	Homer: <i>Iliad</i> , XIX–XXIV	<i>Bible</i> Exodus; Numbers 20	Descartes: <i>Meditations</i> , IV–VI	Hegel: <i>Phenomenology of Spirit</i> , Introduction (73–89)
Sept. 5	Homer: <i>Odyssey</i> , I–VIII	<i>Bible</i> Leviticus 11, 18-20; Deuteronomy	Pascal: <i>Pensées</i> (selections)*	Hegel: <i>Phenomenology of Spirit</i> , Sense Certainty, Perception (90–116)
Sept. 9	Homer: <i>Odyssey</i> , IX–XVI	<i>Bible</i> Samuel I, II; Kings I, 1–4	Pascal: <i>Pensées</i> (selections)*	Hegel: <i>Phenomenology of Spirit</i> , The Truth of Self- Certainty (177 only), Lordship and Bondage (178–196)
Sept. 12	Homer: <i>Odyssey</i> , XVII–XXIV	<i>Bible</i> Psalms (selections)*	Milton: <i>Paradise Lost</i> , I–III	Hegel: <i>Phenomenology of Spirit</i> , Stoicism and Skepticism (197–206)
Sept. 16	Plato: <i>Meno</i>	<i>Bible</i> Amos; Jonah; Isaiah 40-55	Milton: <i>Paradise Lost</i> , Books IV; V; VI Argument only; VII Argument, 1–39; VIII	Hegel: <i>Phenomenology of Spirit</i> , Unhappy Consciousness (207–230); Reason (231–232)
Sept. 19	Aeschylus: <i>Agamemnon</i>	<i>Bible</i> Job	Milton: <i>Paradise Lost</i> . IX-X; XI to 428; XII 446 to end	Hegel: <i>Phenomenology of Spirit</i> , Conscience and The Beautiful Soul (632–658)

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Sept. 23	Aeschylus: <i>Libation Bearers</i> ; <i>Eumenides</i>	Lucretius: <i>De Rerum Natura</i> , I–III	Hobbes: <i>Leviathan</i> , Frontispiece; Letter of Dedication; Author's Preface; Chapters 1–11	Hegel: <i>Phenomenology of Spirit</i> , The Beautiful Soul and Forgiveness (659–671); Absolute Knowing, sections 806–808
Sept. 26	Plato: <i>Gorgias</i> , 447A–481B	Lucretius: <i>De Rerum Natura</i> , IV–VI	Hobbes: <i>Leviathan</i> , Chapters 12–18	Marx and Engels: <i>Communist Manifesto</i> ; <i>The Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844</i> , Chapters “Estranged Labor,” “Antithesis of Capital and Labor,” “Private Property and Labor,” and “Private Property and Communism” (Prometheus edition, pages 69–114, 203–243)
Sept. 30	Plato: <i>Gorgias</i> , 481B–to end	Virgil: <i>Aeneid</i> , I–IV	Hobbes: <i>Leviathan</i> , Chapters 19–21, 24–25, 27, 28 (only the very last paragraph), 29	Marx and Engels: <i>Capital</i> (selections)*
Oct. 3	Plutarch: <i>Lives</i> , Lycurgus; Solon	Virgil: <i>Aeneid</i> , V–VIII	Hobbes: <i>Leviathan</i> , Chapters 30–31, 32 (first four paragraphs), 38 (paragraphs 3–6, 17–24, according to the Hackett numbering), 39, 43, 46–47; A Review and Conclusion (last paragraph)	Marx Engels: <i>Capital</i> (selections)*
Oct. 7	Herodotus: <i>History</i> , I; II 50–53, 112–120; III 37–38, 66–87	Virgil: <i>Aeneid</i> , IX–XII	Spinoza: <i>Ethics</i> , Book 1 through proposition 29, marginal pages II/45– II/71	Marx: <i>The German Ideology</i> , all of Part One (International Publishers pp. 35–95); “Theses on Feuerbach (pp. 121–123), “Letter to George Weydemeyer” (photocopy)

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Oct. 10	Herodotus: <i>History</i> , V, 105; VI, 48–120; VII (entire)	Plutarch: <i>Lives</i> , Caesar; Cato the Younger	Spinoza: <i>Ethics</i> , Book 1, proposition 30 through end, including the appendix; Book 2 through proposition 13, marginal pages II/71– II/97	Kierkegaard: <i>Fear and Trembling</i> , Through Problema I
Oct. 14	Herodotus: <i>History</i> , VIII; IX	Tacitus: <i>Annals</i> , I-II	Leibniz: <i>Discourse on Metaphysics</i>	Kierkegaard: <i>Philosophical Fragments</i> , Chapters I-III (including Appendix)
Oct. 17	Plato: <i>Republic</i> , I–II 367E	Tacitus: <i>Annals</i> , III–VI	Leibniz: <i>Philosophical Essays</i> *	Kierkegaard: <i>Philosophical Fragments</i> , Chapter IV–end (Moral)
Oct. 21	Plato: <i>Republic</i> , II 367E–IV 427C	Epictetus: <i>Handbook</i>	Leibniz: <i>Principles of Nature and Grace</i> ; <i>Monadology</i> ; <i>Philosophical Essays</i> *	Nietzsche: <i>Use and Disadvantage of History for Life</i>
Oct. 24	Plato: <i>Republic</i> , IV 427D–VI 502C	<i>Bible</i> Matthew	Preceptorial	Preceptorial
Oct. 28	Plato: <i>Republic</i> , VI 502D–VII	<i>Bible</i> Luke	Preceptorial	Preceptorial
Oct. 31	Plato: <i>Republic</i> , VIII–IX	<i>Bible</i> Acts	Preceptorial	Preceptorial
Nov. 4	Plato: <i>Republic</i> , X	<i>Bible</i> Gospel of John; First Letter of John	Preceptorial	Preceptorial
Nov. 7	Aristophanes: <i>Clouds</i>	<i>Bible</i> I Corinthians	Preceptorial	Preceptorial
Nov. 11	Plato: <i>Apology</i> and <i>Crito</i>	<i>Bible</i> Romans; James	Preceptorial	Preceptorial
Nov. 14	Plato: <i>Phaedo</i> , 57A–84B	Plotinus: (selections)*	Preceptorial	Preceptorial
Nov. 18	Plato: <i>Phaedo</i> , 84B–118B	Augustine: <i>Confessions</i> , I-V	Preceptorial	Preceptorial

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Nov. 21	Thucydides: <i>Peloponnesian War</i> , I; II, 1-54	Augustine: <i>Confessions</i> , VI-IX	Preceptorial	Preceptorial
Nov. 25	Thucydides: <i>Peloponnesian War</i> , II, 55-78; III 1-87; IV, 1-74	Augustine: <i>Confessions</i> , X-XI	Preceptorial	Preceptorial
Dec. 2	Thucydides: <i>Peloponnesian War</i> , IV, 75–end; V 1-26, 84–116; VI (complete)	Anselm: <i>Proslogium</i>	Preceptorial	Preceptorial
Dec. 5	Thucydides: <i>Peloponnesian War</i> , VII; VIII 1–6, 45–end	Christian Creeds;* Thomas Aquinas: <i>Summa Theologiae</i> , Prologue; <i>Prima Pars</i> (First Part), Questions 1, 2	Preceptorial	Preceptorial
Dec. 9	Plato: <i>Symposium</i> , Beginning–198A	Thomas Aquinas: <i>Summa Theologiae</i> , <i>Prima Pars</i> (First Part), Question 3, Articles 1– 4; Question 4; Question 6, Articles 1– 2; Question 7, Article 1; Question 8, Articles 1, 3; Question 9, Article 1; Question 11, Articles 3–4	Preceptorial	Preceptorial
Dec. 12 (Thursday)	Plato: <i>Symposium</i> , 198–end	Thomas Aquinas: <i>Summa Theologiae</i> , <i>Prima Pars</i> (First Part), Question 12, Articles 1, 4, 5, 7, 11-13; Question 13, Articles 1-5, 11-12	Preceptorial	Preceptorial

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**APPENDIX TO SCHEDULE OF SEMINAR READINGS**  
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**SOPHOMORE**

The Psalms for the **September 12** reading are: Psalms 1, 8, 14, 19, 22, 23, 42, 46, 51, 90, 121, 122, 126, 130, 131, 137, 139, and 148. (These numbers are as in the JPS, RSV, and the Jerusalem Bibles. Users of other editions should cross check numbering.)

The selections from Plotinus for **November 14** are (in *The Essential Plotinus*, O'Brien):

Beauty: I, 6 [1] (pp. 34-44); The Descent of the Soul: IV.8 (pp. 62-71); The Good and the One: VI.9 (pp. 73-89); The Three Primal Hypostases: V.1 (pp. 91-105); Contemplation: III.8 (pp. 163-175)

The assignment for **December 5** includes three Christian Creeds, the Apostolic, Nicene, and Athanasian (available in the Bookstore) and the following selection from Thomas Aquinas's *Summa Theologiae*: Prologue; *Prima Pars* (First Part), Questions 1 and 2.

**JUNIOR**

The selections from Pascal's *Pensées* (Penguin Edition) to be read for the seminars on **September 5 and 9** are listed below. Please note that in the list of readings below, *pensées* from the non-classified papers have sometimes been added to chapters of the classified papers to which they seem to be clearly related.

**September 5**

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Fragment</b>
II	13, 21, 25, 30, 36, 44, 47, 413, 627, 628, 688, 697, 806, 978
III	54-56, 58, 60, 65, 71, 72, 75
IV	78, 79, 622, 641, 771
V	80, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89-93, 95, 97, 98, 101-103, 577, 665, 711, 828
VI	106-108, 110-116, 118
VII	119, 121, 122, 124-128, 131, 398, 401, 410
VIII	132-134, 136, 138, 139, 414
IX	140, 143, 145, 407
X	148

**September 9**

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Fragment</b>
XI	149
XII	151, 152, 157, 160-162, 165, 166, 418, 427, 428, 434, 442, 444
XIII	170, 173-175, 182-185, 187, 188
XIV	189, 190, 192, 446, 449
XV	194, 198-201, 511, 512
XV	416, 417, 431, 471
(bis)	
XVI	205, 208, 210, 214-216, 219, 220
XVIII	228, 232, 234, 239, 241, 242
XIX	255, 265
XXIII	298, 300, 301, 308, 309, 423, 424
XXIV	332, 335
XXVI	351-354, 357, 358, 360, 364, 372, 373, 808, 821
XXVII	378, 380, 381, 835, 846, 913 (Memorial)

The assignment for **October 17** is as follows:

Leibniz, *Philosophical Essays* (R. Ariew and D. Garber)

Part I:

- No. 17, "New System of Nature" (pp. 138-145);
- Nos. 20-21, "On the Ultimate Origination of Things," "On Nature Itself" (pp. 149-167).

The assignment for **October 21** from *Philosophical Essays* is as follows:

Part I:

- No. 7, "Primary Truths" (pp. 30-34);

Part II E:

- No. 4, "Letter to Clarke: Third Paper" [through paragraph 8] (pp. 324-326).  
(Don't forget that the assignment includes also: *Principles of Nature and Grace* and *Monadology*.)

## **SENIOR**

The reading in Marx's *Capital* for the seminars on **September 30 and October 3** are as follows (the Bookstore carries the International Publishers and Dover editions):

### **September 30**

<b>Reading</b>	<b>International Publishers</b>	<b>Dover</b>
2-page photocopy from <i>Contributions to the Critique of Political Economy</i>		
<i>Capital</i> , Vol. I, Author's Preface to 1st and Postface to 2nd German ed.	18-29	11-26
<u>Part I</u>		
Chapter I, Chapter II, 1st 4 paragraphs	43-90 (top)	41-98
Chapter III, Section 2a	106-115	116-128

### **October 3**

<b>Reading</b>	<b>International Publishers</b>	<b>Dover</b>
<i>Capital</i> , Vol. I		
<u>Part II</u>		
Chapters IV, V, VI	145-172	163-196
<u>Part III</u>		
Chapter VII	173-192	197-221
Chapter VIII, 1st 8 paragraphs	193-195 (bot)	221-224
Chapter IX, Section 1	204-209 (mid)	235-241
	(omit 210-212)	(omit 242-244)
Chapter X, Section 1	222-225	255-259
<i>Capital</i> , Vol. III (photocopy in Bookstore)	247-249	
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	292-301	