



PROSPECTIVE STUDENT SEMINAR READING LIST BY VISIT

St. John's College | Santa Fe, New Mexico

2019–20

DATE	SEMINAR	AUTHOR	READING SELECTION
Monday, 9/9	Freshman	Homer	<i>Illiad</i> [Books 19–24]
Thursday, 9/12	Freshman	Homer	<i>Odyssey</i> [Books 1–8]
Monday, 9/16	Freshman	Homer	<i>Odyssey</i> [Books 9–16]
Thursday, 9/19	Junior	Milton	<i>Paradise Lost</i> [Books 1–3]
Monday, 9/23	Freshman	Aeschylus	<i>Agamemnon</i>
Thursday, 9/26	Sophomore	Old Testament	<i>Job</i>
Monday, 9/30	Sophomore	Livy	<i>The Early History of Rome</i> [sections 1–2.33]
Thursday, 10/3	Sophomore	Plutarch	<i>Lives</i> [Alexander (first paragraph), Cato the Younger, and Caesar]
Monday, 10/7	Sophomore	Plutarch	<i>Lives</i> [Antony and Brutus]
Thursday, 10/10	Sophomore	Virgil	<i>Aeneid</i> [Books 1–4]
Monday, 10/14	Sophomore	Virgil	<i>Aeneid</i> [Books 5–8]
Thursday, 10/17	Freshman	Plato	<i>Meno</i>

DATE	SEMINAR	AUTHOR	READING SELECTION
Monday, 10/21	Freshman	Sophocles	<i>Antigone</i>
Thursday, 10/24	Freshman	Plato	<i>Republic</i> [Book 1 (327a)]
Monday, 10/28	Sophomore	Epictetus	<i>Discourses</i> [Book 1, chapters 1, 2, 11, 16, 17, 18, 24; Book 2, chapters 1, 2, 5, 6, 8]
Thursday, 10/31	Sophomore	New Testament	<i>Matthew</i>
Monday, 11/4	Sophomore	New Testament	<i>John</i> (Gospel), <i>I John</i> (Epistle)
Thursday, 11/7	Freshman	Plato	<i>Republic</i> [Book VIII (543a)–IX (592b)]
Monday, 11/11	Freshman	Plato	<i>Republic</i> [Book X (595a)]
Thursday, 11/14	Freshman	Aristophanes	<i>Clouds</i>
Monday, 11/18	Freshman	Plato	<i>Apology, Crito</i>
Thursday, 11/21	Sophomore	Aristotle	<i>On the Soul</i> [III, 3–13; I, 4, 408a29–b30]
Monday, 11/25	Freshman	Plato	<i>Phaedo</i> [89b–118a]
Monday, 12/2	Sophomore	Augustine	<i>Confessions</i> [1–6]
Thursday, 12/5	Sophomore	Augustine	<i>Confessions</i> [7–9]

DATE	SEMINAR	AUTHOR	READING SELECTION
Monday, 12/9	Freshman	Sophocles	<i>Oedipus Rex</i>
Thursday, 12/12	Freshman	Plato	<i>Sophist</i> [216a–249d]
Monday, 1/20	Senior	Dostoevsky	<i>The Brothers Karamazov</i>
Thursday, 1/23	Junior	Swift	<i>Gulliver's Travels</i> [3–4]
Monday, 1/27	Junior	Leibniz	<i>Philosophical Essays</i> (Hackett): pp. 138–145; (<i>New System of Nature</i>); pp. 171–178 (from correspondence with de Volder); pp.155–167 (<i>On Nature Itself</i>)
Thursday, 1/30	Sophomore	Aquinas	<i>Summa Theologiae</i>
Monday, 2/3	Sophomore	Dante	<i>Divine Comedy, Inferno</i> [Cantos 1–17]
Thursday, 2/6	Sophomore	Dante	<i>Divine Comedy, Inferno</i> [Cantos 17–End]
Monday, 2/10	Freshman	Plato	<i>Symposium</i> [172a–201c]
Thursday, 2/13	Sophomore	Dante	<i>Divine Comedy, Purgatorio</i> [Cantos 19–End]
Monday, 2/17	Senior	Tocqueville	<i>Democracy in America</i>
Thursday, 2/20	Senior	Tocqueville	<i>Democracy in America</i>
Monday, 2/24	Freshman	Aristotle	<i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> [IV, V]

DATE	SEMINAR	AUTHOR	READING SELECTION
Thursday, 2/27	Freshman	Aristotle	<i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> [VI, VII]
Monday, 3/2	Senior	Lincoln	Dred Scott v. Sandford, Lincoln Speech on Dred Scott Decision (1857), Frederick Douglass, “The Constitution of the United States: Is it Pro-Slavery or Anti-Slavery,” Lincoln’s Address at Cooper Union (1860)
Thursday, 3/5	Senior	Lincoln	“The Perpetuation of our Political Institutions.” (1838), “A House Divided.” (1858), First Inaugural Address (1861), Final Emancipation Proclamation (1863), Gettysburg Address (1863), Second Inaugural Address (1865).
Monday, 3/9	Sophomore	Chaucer	<i>Canterbury Tales</i> : “Wife of Bath’s Tale”
Thursday, 3/12	Sophomore	Shakespeare	<i>As You Like It</i>
Monday, 3/30	Junior	Austen	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> [Vol. I–II]
Thursday, 4/2	Junior	Austen	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> [Vol. III]
Monday, 4/6	Sophomore	Shakespeare	<i>Midsummer Night’s Dream</i>
Thursday, 4/9	Junior	Rousseau	<i>Social Contract</i> [III, IV]
Monday 4/13	Freshman	Aristotle	<i>Physics</i> [I, 184 a9–184 b14 and 189 b30–192 b7; II, 192 b8–195 b30]
Thursday, 4/16	Senior	Joyce	<i>The Dead</i>
Monday, 4/20	Senior	Woolf	<i>Mrs. Dalloway</i>

DATE	SEMINAR	AUTHOR	READING SELECTION
Thursday, 4/23	Freshman	Aristotle	<i>Physics</i> [III, 202b30–208a25; 208a26–217b28]
Monday, 4/30	Senior	Hawthorne	<i>Scarlet Letter</i> : Author’s preface; “Custom House”; Chapters 1–8
Thursday, 5/4	Sophomore	Shakespeare	<i>Macbeth</i>
Monday, 5/7	Freshman	Euripides	<i>Medea</i>
Thursday, 5/11	Freshman	Sophocles	<i>Oedipus at Colonus</i>
Monday, 5/14	Sophomore	Shakespeare	<i>Othello</i>
Thursday, 5/18	Junior	Twain	<i>Huckleberry Finn</i> [Chapters 1–22]
Thursday, 5/21	Junior	Twain	<i>Huckleberry Finn</i> [Chapters 23–end]