

**UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH  
SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES  
WINTER TERM 2021**

**CLAS\*3030 Epic Heroes and Poems**

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Time of course: Mon., Wed., Fri. 1:30 – 2:20 pm

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**COURSE OUTLINE**

**Calendar Description:** “The nature and significance of the epic hero. Epic as code and as critique of tradition. Oral poetry and critical problems raised by it. The central texts are *The Iliad*, *The Odyssey*, and Virgil’s *Aeneid*.”

**Prerequisite(s):** CLAS\*1000 or CLAS\*2000.

**Required Texts:** Homer, *The Iliad of Homer*, trans. Richmond Lattimore  
(University of Chicago Press, 2011)  
ISBN 978-0-226-47049-8

Homer, *The Odyssey of Homer*, trans. Richmond Lattimore  
(Harper Perennial, 2007)  
ISBN 978-0-06-124418-6

Virgil, *The Aeneid*, trans. Robert Fitzgerald  
(Vintage Classics, 1990)  
ISBN 978-0-679-72952-5

**Presentation:** The course will be offered synchronously through Teams. Lectures and text reading. Weekly lecture topics and assigned readings are available on CourseLink.

<b>Evaluation:</b>	Test # 1	25%
	Test # 2	25%
	Essay	20%
	Final Examination: Tuesday, April 27 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 – 9:00 pm	<u>30%</u>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	100%

The tests and final examination will be written synchronously. The dates of the two tests and the essay will be announced in advance in class and via CourseLink.

**Learning Outcomes:** The student, upon successful completion of this course, will:

- be able to define what epic is and what the heroic code means;
- gain knowledge of the most important and influential literary texts from the genre of ancient Greek and Roman epic;
- gain an understanding of ancient Classical authors' techniques of narrative action and modes of character portrayal;
- possess the ability to analyze and interpret, not only Classical works, but also any significant literary text.

## University Statements

### Email Communication

As per university regulations, all students are required to check their e-mail account regularly: e-mail is the official route of communication between the University and its students.

### When You Cannot Meet a Course Requirement

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons please advise the course instructor (or designated person, such as a teaching assistant) in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. The grounds for Academic Consideration are detailed in the Undergraduate and Graduate Calendars.

Undergraduate Calendar - Academic Consideration and Appeals

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-ac.shtml>

Graduate Calendar - Grounds for Academic Consideration

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/genreg/index.shtml>

### Drop Date

Students will have until the last day of classes to drop courses without academic penalty. The deadline to drop two-semester courses will be the last day of classes in the second semester. This applies to all students (undergraduate, graduate and diploma) except for Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (conventional and alternative delivery) students. The regulations and procedures for course registration are available in their respective Academic Calendars.

Undergraduate Calendar - Dropping Courses

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-drop.shtml>

Graduate Calendar - Registration Changes

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/genreg/genreg-reg-regchg.shtml>

### **Copies of Out-of-class Assignments**

Keep paper and/or other reliable back-up copies of all out-of-class assignments: you may be asked to resubmit work at any time.

### **Accessibility**

The University promotes the full participation of students who experience disabilities in their academic programs. To that end, the provision of academic accommodation is a shared responsibility between the University and the student.

When accommodations are needed, the student is required to first register with Student Accessibility Services (SAS). Documentation to substantiate the existence of a disability is required; however, interim accommodations may be possible while that process is underway.

Accommodations are available for both permanent and temporary disabilities. It should be noted that common illnesses such as a cold or the flu do not constitute a disability.

Use of the SAS Exam Centre requires students to book their exams at least 7 days in advance and not later than the 40th Class Day.

For Guelph students, information can be found on the SAS website

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/sas>

### **Academic Integrity**

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity, and it is the responsibility of all members of the University community-faculty, staff, and students-to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring. University of Guelph students have the responsibility of abiding by the University's policy on academic misconduct regardless of their location of study; faculty, staff, and students have the responsibility of supporting an environment that encourages academic integrity. Students need to remain aware that instructors have access to and the right to use electronic and other means of detection.

Please note: Whether or not a student intended to commit academic misconduct is not relevant for a finding of guilt. Hurried or careless submission of assignments does not excuse students from responsibility for verifying the academic integrity of their work before submitting it. Students who are in any doubt as to whether an action on their part could be construed as an academic offence should consult with a faculty member or faculty advisor.

Undergraduate Calendar - Academic Misconduct

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-amisconduct.shtml>

Graduate Calendar - Academic Misconduct

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/genreg/index.shtml>

### **Recording of Materials**

Presentations that are made in relation to course work - including lectures - cannot be recorded or copied without the permission of the presenter, whether the instructor, a student, or guest lecturer. Material recorded with permission is restricted to use for that course unless further permission is granted.

### **Resources**

The Academic Calendars are the source of information about the University of Guelph's procedures, policies, and regulations that apply to undergraduate, graduate, and diploma programs.

Academic Calendars: <https://www.uoguelph.ca/academics/calendars>

### **Disclaimer**

Please note that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic may necessitate a revision of the format of course offerings and academic schedules. Any such changes will be announced via CourseLink and/or class email. All University-wide decisions will be posted on the COVID-19 website (<https://news.uoguelph.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus-information/>) and circulated by email.

### **Illness**

The University will not normally require verification of illness (doctor's notes) for fall 2020 or winter 2021 semester courses. However, requests for Academic Consideration may still require medical documentation as appropriate.