

SYLLABUS

Our text will be the *Odyssey* by Homer in the translation by Robert Fitzgerald. This translation was first published by Anchor Press/Doubleday in 1961. We are using a later, paperback, edition of this translation published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux in 1998. It has an introduction by D.S. Carne-Ross and includes some addition material from Fitzgerald that was not part of the original 1961 edition.

This is a six-week course. It meets on Friday afternoon from 1 to 2:30 PM. I have organized the course as follows:

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| Week One, November 11: | Consideration of the mythic and historical background of Homer's poem. |
| Week Two, November 18: | Books 1-4 and the first 154 lines of Book 5. |
| Week Three, November 25: | Books 5-8. Odysseus among the Phaiakians. |
| Week Four, December 2: | Books 9-12. Odysseus recounts his travels. |
| Week Five, December 9: | Books 13-18. Odysseus returns to Ithaca. |
| Week Six, December 16: | Books 19-24. Revenge and resolution. |

I do not require any outside reading. The writing on Homer and the *Odyssey* is vast. If you want to look into others' ideas about the *Odyssey*, you might want to consider Simon Pulleyn's reading of the first book of the *Odyssey* entitled *Homer, Odyssey I* published in 2019 or Kostas Myrsiades' book, *Reading Homer's Odyssey* also published in 2019.