

Boğaziçi University

Cultural Encounter I
HUM 101

Fall 2021
Syllabus

HUM 101 Course Policy

As the Fall semester 2021 is taught online, we will be using two major tools: **Moodle** and **Zoom**. Make sure you register to Moodle with your Boğaziçi University email address (@boun.edu.tr) and you download the Zoom application. (If you still don't have a boun.edu.tr email please follow the instructions in the university registration webpage.)

Using Moodle is essential to the course. The link to the reading material, the videos of the recorded lectures, and various assignments will all be available on your HUM 101.01 course Moodle page. Regular announcements will be sent out from Moodle. Moreover, the link to the Zoom sessions will be posted every week on Moodle.

Course format:

- One lecture each week
- Two class sections each week, as scheduled

Monday Lectures: 9 AM-9:50 AM:

The lectures are recorded and will be uploaded to our Moodle page every Monday at 9 am.

Discussion section classes: Two **live discussion** sections of 50 minutes each per week streamed via Zoom (except for national holidays as indicated on the syllabus). You must join the class in which you are registered. Be on time!

Attendance in the live Zoom discussion sessions **is mandatory**. If you miss more than **4 section class hours**, you will receive a section grade of zero, and more than **6 section class hours**, you will receive a grade of zero for the quizzes. If you encounter difficulties in joining the live sessions, contact immediately the Humanities Research Assistant: Emine Özdemir at: emine.ozdemir1@boun.edu.tr
Please ALWAYS indicate your section class number in your messages to your instructor or to our research assistant.

Our Moodle HUM101 Course Page: Organization and Activities

Organization:

Prior to joining the Zoom discussion sections, you must have:

- 1) closely read the text(s) assigned for the week as indicated in the syllabus;
- 2) watched the videos of the lecture;
- 3) read attentively the study questions.

The reading material, the videos of the recorded lectures, and the study questions will all be available on the HUM 101 course Moodle page every Monday at 9 am.

Activities:

- **Weekly quiz (starting week 2):** Every Wednesday, you will take a short quiz on Moodle between 9-9:50 AM, on both the lecture and the reading assigned for that week. The quiz will be opened on Wednesday at 9 am and will close 50 minutes later at 9:50 am. You will have to answer 5 multiple-choice questions. Once you start the quiz you will have 5 minutes to complete it, so try not to take more than 1 minute per question. Once you advance to the next question, you will not have the chance to go back to the previous question.
- **Forum Discussion (starting Week 2):** Every Wednesday, three students will be responsible, separately, to provide the whole class with questions & answers on the text we read that week. These questions & answers will serve the dual purpose of discussing further the texts and of preparing you to the exams. Your contribution will count as a part of your participation grade alongside your participation in the Zoom discussion sessions. The Forum Discussion handout will be posted on our Moodle page with precise instructions. Do not forget to sign up on the first week!
- **Weekly Group Presentations (Starting Week 3):** Every week a group of students will give presentations on the prompts provided on the Presentations Handout. Your presentation will count as a part of your participation grade. The Presentations Handout will be posted on our Moodle page with precise instructions. Do not forget to sign up on the first week!

Exams: Both the midterm and the final exam will be held **via Moodle** in the slots allocated by the Registrar's Office. To qualify for the final exam you must have taken the midterm exam and received a minimum of **40 points out of 100**.

In order to pass the course, your cumulative average must amount to 50 points or above out of 100.

Grading Policy:

Section Grade 30%

- Presentation 10%
- Forums 10%
- Section Attendance 5%
- Oral Participation 5%

Quizzes: 20%

Midterm Exam: 20%

Final Exam: 30%

Plagiarism and Cheating:

Plagiarism and cheating are an academic offense and dishonesty. The Humanities team takes both of them very seriously and students who plagiarize or cheat will be referred to the disciplinary committee in addition to a grade of 0. Plagiarism includes copying your answers from the Internet and cheating from other HUM 101 fellow

students. Further explanation and instructions will be provided prior to the mid-term exam.

Course description:

An interdisciplinary humanities survey, designed to introduce students to cultures east and west, ancient and modern which have, over time, impacted and interacted with their own culture, and thus to encourage critical reflection on this wider cultural heritage with emphasis on philosophy, literature, arts, political thought, science and religion. Readings in primary and secondary materials to analyze, compare and contrast ideas, paradigms, world views in ancient, classical and medieval civilizations.

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Week	Monday Lectures: Dates	Topic/Theme	Reading	Discussion Sections & Activities on Moodle
1	October 6 (Wednesday)	From Sumer to Modernity: Imagining the City	<i>The Epic of Gilgamesh</i> , 61-96	October 6/7 • Discussion
2	October 11	The Epic of Gilgamesh: Memory and Representation	<i>The Epic of Gilgamesh</i> , 97-119.	October 11/12 • Discussion October 13 • Quiz October 13/14 • Presentations
3	October 18	Genesis: The Idea of Origin	<i>Genesis</i> , ch.1-3; 6-9.	October 18/19 • Discussion October 20 • Quiz October 20/21 • Presentations
4	October 25	The Homeric Epic: Identity and Belonging	Homer, <i>The Odyssey</i> (Book I, VIII, IX)	October 25/26 • Discussion October 27 • Quiz Holiday: NO Discussion classes on October 27/28

5	November 1	The Peloponnesian War. Men at War and Women's Struggle for Peace: A Comic Play	Aristophanes, <i>Lysistrata</i>	November 1/2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion November 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz November 3/4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations
6	November 8	Rethinking the <i>Polis</i> : the Philosopher-Rulers	Plato, <i>Republic</i> (Book III & VII)	November 8/9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion November 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz November 10/11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations
7	November 15	Hierarchy and Differentiated Humanity in the <i>Polis</i> : Citizens, Women, and Slaves	Aristotle, <i>Politics</i>	November 15/16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion November 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz November 17/18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations
8	November 22	From Greece to Rome: Epicurean Philosophy and the Theory of Atoms	Lucretius, <i>On the Nature of Things</i>	November 22/23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion November 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz November 24/25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations
9	November 29	The Epic Genre Revisited: Creation Myths, Authority and Power	Ovid, <i>Metamorphoses</i> (Proem, The Creation, The Four Ages, Lycaon, Apollo and Daphne)	November 29/30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion December 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz December 1/2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations
10	December 6	Stoic Philosophy: The Master-Slave Relationship Revisited	Seneca, <i>Epistles to Lucilius</i> (Letter 47)	December 6/7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion December 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz December 8/9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations

11	December 13	Early Christian Thought: Original Sin and Redemption	Augustine, <i>The City of God</i> (Book I, II, XIV)	December 13/14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion December 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz December 15/16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations
12	December 20	Fighting Misogyny: The Woman Question	Christine de Pizan, <i>The Book of the City of Ladies</i>	December 20/21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion December 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz December 22/23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations
13	December 27	Christian Humanism: The Ancients, the Original Sin, and the Personal Sin	Dante, <i>The Divine Comedy</i> , “Inferno” (Canto I, IV, V).	December 27/28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion December 29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz December 29/30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations
14	January 3 No lecture			January 3/4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review sessions