LIT 102: The Literary Tradition: Greco-Roman to Early Christianity

Spring 2024 (MWF 9:30-10:20; RM 300)

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## Course Description and Purpose Statement:

This course begins with a consideration of the epic tradition in the *Iliad* of Homer and the *Aeneid* of Virgil, continues to *Beowulf*, and finishes with an examination of early Christian literature via St. Augustine's *Confessions*. Students will demonstrate their understanding of the literature in class discussion and written compositions.

## **Grading**:

Essays: 40%
Midterm Exam: 20%
Final Exam: 25%
Quizzes: 5%
Class Participation: 10%

Late assignments will be accepted but will be assessed a penalty.

Jan 15: Introduction, *Iliad* 

Jan 22: Iliad Jan 29: Iliad Feb 05: Iliad

Feb 12: Iliad Feb 14: Ash Wednesday; **Essay 1 Due** 

Feb 19-24: College Retreat

Feb 26: Aeneid Mar 04: Aeneid Mar 11: Aeneid

Mar 18: Aeneid Midterm Exam

Mar 25-Apr 05: **Easter Break** 

Apr 08: Beowulf
Apr 15: Beowulf
Apr 22: Confessions
Apr 29: Confessions

May 06: Confessions May 9: Ascension Thursday; Essay 2 Due

May 13: Confessions May 16-17: No classes

May 18-May 22: Final Examinations