

Syllabus: Omnibus I Primary

Course Description

Omnibus I Primary focuses on works of the ancient world culminating in the first century. Students learn to read and appreciate the great books in light of the truth of Scripture. The Omnibus courses are the best way we know to engage with the great works of Western Civilization and learn to think biblically about everything. Homework will average 6 - 7 hours per week, depending on reading speed.

Attendance and Participation

Both attendance and participation are vital parts of this course; therefore, students are required to attend class sessions and participate actively in discussions. Students are expected to view archives of any missed classes, and are responsible for obtaining any notes or assignments.

Students will be given quarterly grades for both participation and attendance:

- Fifteen percent of the final grade will be attributed to *relevant class participation*. This includes raising one's hand, commenting regularly via microphone/webcam, and using the chat box regularly to contribute to the academic conversation.
- Five percent of the final grade will be attributed to *class attendance*. Being present, being on time, and readiness for class are all factors to be considered in the class attendance grade. *Excused* absences will not detrimentally impact attendance grades.

Grading rubrics are located in the Course Documents folder in each course page.

Assignments & Exams

There are daily and weekly reading assignments in both the Omnibus textbook and in the primary sources read for this course. Students are responsible to keep up with the reading for every class period.

There are eight projects during the year. Homework will be uploaded fifteen times during the year, announced on the day it is due. Descriptions and due dates are given on the course page. Students will also take a midterm and final exam. Each will cover material covered in the current semester only. All assignments are due at 11:55 pm ET on the due date.

Students are not permitted to use any books or a Bible on the Grammar section, but are encouraged to use those items on the Logic and Lateral Thinking sections. Use of the Internet is forbidden on all portions of the exam. Students are also not permitted to use notes or the Omnibus textbook on any portion of the exam. All exams should be taken in one sitting and proctored by an adult. All

exams are due at 11:55 PM ET on the date shown. Specific instructions will be provided by the instructor.

Evaluation

The final grade is determined on the following basis:

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| ● Attendance | 5% |
| ● Relevant Class Participation | 15% |
| ● Projects/Papers | 25% |
| ● Homework | 15% |
| ● Midterm/Final Assessment | 40% |

Grading Scale

The following grading scale will apply for all assignments and final grades. 100% – 90% = A; 89% - 80% = B; 79% - 70% = C; 69% - 0% = F. All grades are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Late Work

If a student fails to submit any assessment by the due date, it is considered “late.”

- Assignments submitted 0-24 hours late will result in a 10 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments submitted 24-48 hours late will result in a 20 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments submitted 48-72 hours late will result in a 30 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments over 72 hours late will not be accepted and the student will receive a zero.
- Parent may request an extension from their child’s teacher *prior to the due date* or in the case of an emergency.

While we love grace and the opportunity to exercise it, we also desire to instill a sound sense of responsibility in our students, hence these expectations pertaining to late work.

Exam/Test Retakes

Any student may retake a failed assessment (except quizzes), but can score no higher than 70% on the retake. Retakes must be submitted within one week of the returned, failed test. If the retake is not submitted within one week, the original failing grade will stand.

Academic Dishonesty

Cheating on any assignment is considered academic dishonesty. This includes plagiarism in any form. Cheating will be dealt with in the following manner:

- If a student is caught cheating, he will receive a zero on the assignment and will be placed on academic probation for the remainder of the school year.

- If the same student is caught cheating again, he will likely be expelled.
- No refunds will be granted for students who are expelled due to cheating.
- A Disciplinary Action Form will be submitted by the student's teacher for any instance of academic dishonesty.

Textbooks

The books needed for the class can be purchased through Veritas Press. It is extremely important that the student has the correct version/edition of these materials.

Omnibus I Primary Course Kit (003520)

- Omnibus I Text w/Teacher CD-ROM (000905)*
- The Odyssey of Homer (255610)
- The Oresteia Trilogy (Aeschylus I) (610010)
- Landmark Herodotus (490592)
- Gilgamesh (655010)
- Plutarch's Lives Vol. 1 (490741)
- Codes of Hammurabi and Moses (305201)
- The Theban Trilogy (Sophocles I) (610040)
- The Last Days of Socrates (435590)
- The Early History of Rome (435340)
- The Aeneid (341011)
- The Twelve Caesars (435910)
- Julius Caesar (420245)

*Indicates an item that is used in more than one year and/or in other disciplines.

Course Calendar

See Course Assignment Sheet, located on course page, for class dates, breaks and all assignments and assessments. Class dates and breaks can also be found on the current academic year calendar.