

## **Syllabus: Omnibus IV Secondary**

### **Course Description**

Omnibus IV Secondary includes works from and about the ancient world and other important works. Discussions will direct students to look at ideas from a biblical worldview. Diploma students completing the course will be given a credit in English: World Ancient Literature II. Homework will average 4 - 5 hours per week, depending on reading speed.

### **Course Learning Objectives (CLO)**

- Understand the nature of God, man, truth, goodness, and beauty
- Appreciate and realize the integration of aesthetics, composition, logic, and historical culture
- Master Theology, History, and Literature, and to skillfully integrate these three disciplines
- Identify the application of ancient thought, in its proper context, to contemporary challenges
- Skillfully argue varying points of view as ancient history, literature, and theology are carefully examined in the Great Books of Western Civilization

### **Attendance and Participation**

Attendance, while not graded in this course, will nevertheless be recorded by the students' teacher, as students are required to attend all scheduled class sessions and actively participate. It is expected that students will view archives of any missed classes as they are responsible for obtaining any notes or assignments when a class must be missed.

Students will receive quarterly grades for Participation. A percentage of the final grade will be attributed to *relevant class participation*, which typically includes raising their hands, commenting regularly via microphone/webcam, and using the chat box to contribute to the academic conversation. A grading rubric, which contains the percentage attributed to Relevant Class Participation for this course, is located on the course page.

### **Assignments and Assessments**

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. Homework will be uploaded fifteen times during the year, announced on the day it is due, and due before class begins, on the day when it is requested.

There are eight projects during the year. Descriptions and due dates are given on the course page. Students will also take a midterm and final exam. Each will cover material from the current semester only. Projects and exams are to be submitted by 11:55 pm ET on the stated 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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| • Relevant Class Participation | 20% |
| • Projects                     | 25% |
| • Homework                     | 15% |
| • Midterm Exam                 | 20% |
| • Final Exam                   | 20% |

### **Grading Scale**

The following grading scale will apply for all assignments and final grades.

100% – 90% = A; 89% - 80% = B; 79% - 70% = C; 69% - 60% = D; 59% - 50% = E; 49% - 40% = 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. This policy also applies to formal labs in applicable courses. Retakes will be graded as though the student *could* receive a 100%. Assuming the student then scores a grade of 70% or greater on the retake, he will be given a 70%. If the student again fails the assessment, the greater of the two grades (attempts) will be used in the calculation of a final grade.

### **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, and that they be ordered timely so as to have no interruption in a student's progress.

#### **Omnibus IV Secondary Course Kit (003527)**

- Omnibus IV Text w/downloadable Teacher Materials (000935)\*
- Aesop's Fables (435047)
- Death on the Nile (305220)
- Troilus and Cressida (435895)
- Augustus Caesar's World (075020)
- Art and the Bible (325070)
- The Lost World (490620)
- Knowing God (325075)
- Antony and Cleopatra (420055)
- Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea (420370)
- Phantastes (630055)
- Mythology (305450)
- Plutarch's Lives Volume 2 (490746)
- Desiring God (305240)

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

### **Course Calendar**

See Course Assignment Sheet, located on the 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.