

## **Recommended Reading List for Classics, Greek and Latin Majors & Minors**

The following works are considered of great importance for understanding the Classical World. While some of these texts will be incorporated into your course work, not all of them will. Therefore, we ask you, the student, to make time over the next few years to read these works in English translation as part of the mission of broadening your appreciation of the Classical World.

For Classics, Greek and Latin Majors, this list should be read with an eye toward your Comprehensive Exams since these texts are sure to appear there. The starred authors are those from whom we will choose passages for the language translation exam and so majors should consider trying to read some of these texts in the originals as practice. Classics majors should read both Greek and Latin material; Greek and Latin majors should read their respective lists.

### **GREEK**

\*Homer: *Iliad* (all); *Odyssey* (all); For Greek exam: *Odyssey* Bks 1, 9, 22  
*Anthology of Classical Myth* (especially Homeric Hymns and Hesiod)  
Selections from Greek Lyric and Elegy (like Lattimore or West's Greek Lyrics)  
Aeschylus: *The Oresteia*  
Sophocles: *Oedipus Tyrannus*; *Antigone*; one other play of your choice  
\*Euripides: *Hippolytus*; For Greek exam: *Medea*, *Alcestis*  
Aristophanes: *Clouds* and either *Wasps*, *Lysistrata* or *Birds*  
\*Thucydides: Books 1,\* 2, 5 (Melian Dialogue only), 6 and 7  
\*Herodotus: Books 1,\* 2, 7 and 8  
\*Plato: *Euthyphro*, *Apology*, *Symposium*; For Greek exam: *Crito*  
At least one speech from \*Lysias, Demosthenes, or Isocrates  
\*One Greek Novel (Longus' *Daphnis and Chloe*,\* for example)

### **LATIN**

Plautus: *Miles Gloriosus* and one other play of your choice  
Terence: *The Brothers*  
\*Cicero: *Pro Caelio*,\* *Phillipic II*, *First Catilinarian*\*  
\*Caesar: *The Civil War* Book 1; *Galic War* Books 1, 5, 6\* & 7  
Sallust: *Jugurthan War* or *Catiline's War*  
\*Vergil: *Aeneid* (For Latin Exam: Bks 1, 4, 12)  
\*Latin Lyric, Elegy and Satire: Catullus\* (all; for Latin exam, 1-60 only) , Horace, Propertius  
Bk 1\*, Tibullus, Martial, Juvenal 4 & 10  
\*Ovid: *Metamorphoses* and *Amores* (For Latin exam: *Met.* Bks 1, 6, 10; *Amores* 1.1-5)  
\*Livy: *Ab Urbe Condite* Book 1\* and a selection from Books 21-30 (on Hannibal)  
Tacitus: *Annales*  
Either Apuleius *The Golden Ass* or Petronius' *Cena*  
Selected letters from Pliny (may be found on the On-line Ancient History Sourcebook)  
One book from Marcus Aurelius' *Meditations*, a selection from Seneca's letters or Augustine's *Confessions*

### **HISTORICAL OVERVIEWS**

Boatwright, et al, *The Romans: From Village to Empire* (ISBN: 0195118766)  
Morris and Powell *The Greeks* (ISBN: 0205697348)  
Or others as assigned for CLAS 201 & 202