

Lund University
Department of Arts and Cultural Sciences
History of Ideas and Sciences

ILHB33: Classics of Western Thought, 7.5 credits

Reading List

Please note that the following works are to be read in their entirety unless otherwise noted. As the texts are considered classics, they have in most cases been published in numerous editions and (where applicable) translations. Recommendations are given below, but you are free to choose the edition/translation that you read.

Note also that Plato's *Symposium* should be read prior to the first class meeting!

Lecture One

Plato, *The Symposium* (c. 70 pages)

— Recommended edition: Plato, *The Symposium*, trans. by Christopher Gill (London & New York: Penguin Books, 2003), ISBN 978-0140449273.

— E-text: <https://eds.a.ebscohost.com/eds/detail/detail?vid=2&sid=6c6107a9-e6fd-432f-b67c-18c92ed8b666%40sessionmgr4008&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWRzLWxpdmUmc2NvcGU9c2l0ZQ%3d%3d#AN=19900962&db=lfh>

Lecture Two

Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince* (c. 100 pages)

— Recommended edition: Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*, trans. by Tim Parks (London & New York: Penguin Books, 2011), ISBN 978-0141442259.

— E-text: <https://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/m/machiavelli/niccolo/m149p/complete.html>

Lecture Three

Bernard le Bovier de Fontenelle, *Conversations on the Plurality of Worlds* (c. 75 pages)

— Recommended edition: Bernard Le Bovier de Fontenelle, *Conversations on the Plurality of Worlds*, trans. by H. A. Hargreaves (Berkeley & Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1990), ISBN: 978-0520071711.

— E-text: https://archive.org/details/conversationsonp00font_0/page/n11

Lecture Four

Charles Darwin, *On the Origin of Species* (chapters 1–5 and 14, c. 160 pages)

— Recommended edition: Charles Darwin, *On the Origin of Species* (New York & London: Penguin Books, 2009), ISBN: 978-0140439120.

— E-text: [https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/The_Origin_of_Species_\(1872\)](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/The_Origin_of_Species_(1872))

Lecture Five

Karl Marx & Friedrich Engels, *The Communist Manifesto* (c. 70 pages)

— Recommended edition: Karl Marx & Friedrich Engels, *The Communist Manifesto*, trans. by Samuel Moore (London & New York: Penguin Books, 2015), ISBN: 978-0141397993.

— E-text: <https://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1848/communist-manifesto/index.htm>

Lecture Six

John Dewey, *Democracy and Education* (chapters 1-8, c. 120 pages)

— Recommended edition: John Dewey, *Democracy and Education*, The Middle Works of John Dewey, vol. 9, ed. by Jo Ann Boydston (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2008), ISBN: 978-0809328048.

— E-text: https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Democracy_and_Education

Lecture Seven

Simone de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex* (Introduction and Book 1, Part 3 (“Myths”), c. 140 pages)

— Recommended edition: Simone de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex*, trans. by Constance Borde & Sheila Malovany-Chevallier (New York: Vintage Books, 2011), ISBN: 978-0307277787.

— Note that abridged versions of this work (such as the Vintage Feminism Short Edition) do not contain the assigned extract.

In total c. 750 pages