



BASIC PROGRAM of LIBERAL EDUCATION FOR ADULTS
Summer, 2024

**Women of Euripides- The Women of Troy:
 The Trojan Women, Hecuba, and Andromache**

COURSE INFORMATION		
COURSE TITLE Women of Euripides- The Women of Troy: <i>The Trojan Women, Hecuba, and Andromache</i>	CODE & SECTION BASC 70251 24U1	LENGTH OF COURSE 8 weeks June 10 to July 29, 2024
COURSE SCHEDULE DAYS: Monday evenings, 6:00am- 9:15pm	CLASS LOCATION Online	INSTRUCTOR Clare Pearson EMAIL: pearson5478@comcast.net

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This class will explore three of Euripides' plays which feature the voices and portrayal of major women as heroines, in this case on the Trojan side of the Trojan war, all considered with respect to their positions at the end of the war. These plays not only present us with powerful and compelling women, but, written against the political backdrop of the policies of the Athenian empire, Euripides' choice in all three of these plays to focus on the outcomes of the Trojan war, here understood as a war driven by power and wealth (as opposed to a simply just war), provides rich material for thought. We will read the plays closely on their own and in historical context, discussing as many individual passages in class as time allows. Where material is publicly available, we will also integrate discussion of performances of the plays, prioritizing works from the Center for Hellenic Studies. Please read through line 789 of *The Trojan Women* for the first class.

REQUIRED TEXTS

- *Euripides II*, in *The Complete Greek Tragedies*, edited by David Grene and Richmond Lattimore, University of Chicago Press, ISBN 978-0-226-308784
- *Euripides III*, in *The Complete Greek Tragedies*, edited by David Grene and Richmond Lattimore, University of Chicago Press, ISBN 978-0-226-308821

WEEKLY READING SCHEDULE

(please note that the schedule is approximate and may be adjusted to the needs of the class.)

WEEK	Author	TEXT/READING ASSIGNMENT
Week 1 Date: June 10	Euripides	<i>The Trojan Women</i>
Week 2 Date: June 17	Euripides	<i>The Trojan Women</i>
Week 3 Date: June 24	Euripides	<i>The Trojan Women</i>
Week 3 Date: July 1	Euripides	<i>Hecuba</i>
Week 5 Date: July 8	Euripides	<i>Hecuba</i>
Week 6 Date: July 15	Euripides	<i>Hecuba</i>
Week 7 Date: July 22	Euripides	<i>Andromache</i>
Week 8 Date: July 29	Euripides	<i>Andromache</i>

Students will receive an invitation to join the Graham School Student Community Canvas Site, a place to read announcements, have discussions, ask questions, and find resources.

DISABILITY INFORMATION

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