

BASIC PROGRAM of LIBERAL EDUCATION for ADULTS

September Quarter 2024

Gulliver's Travels

INSTRUCTOR	DATES AND TIMES	LOCATION
Noah Chafets	COURSE LENGTH: 3 Weeks DATES: September 4 th – September 18 th	Remote Course
EMAIL: nochafets@uchicago.edu Instructor can be contacted through Canvas message	DAY OF THE WEEK: Wednesday TIMES: 9:30 am – 11:45 am	COURSE CODE and SECTION: BASC 80034 24U1 PREREQUISITES: None

Remote courses require you to login to Canvas to access the Zoom Classroom. **You will receive an invitation to join Canvas about a week before your course begins.** Please visit <https://grahamschool.uchicago.edu/academic-programs/online/learning-resources/liberal-arts> to find Canvas login instructions, Zoom instructions, and student training sessions.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Gulliver's Travels (1727) is Jonathan Swift's wildly imaginative account of Lemuel Gulliver's journey through fantastical lands. It is funny, moving and profound, a masterful satire that verges into comparative politics and anthropology.

I will provide written questions to serve as starting points for our class discussions, but there is no fixed agenda or methodology for the course apart from the aim to discover whatever we can about the novel through close reading and probing conversation.

RECOMMENDED EDITION

1. Jonathan Swift. *Gulliver's Travels*. East India Publishing Company. ISBN 177426952X.

Students can purchase books at the Gleacher Center Bookstore online at <https://chicagobooth.bncollege.com/shop/chicagobooth/page/find-textbooks> using the Textbook order form, or by using the ISBN number to order the correct edition elsewhere.

WEEKLY READING SCHEDULE

DAY	AUTHOR	READING ASSIGNMENT
WEEK 1 September 4	Swift	Prefatory material; <i>A Voyage to Lilliput</i> ; <i>A voyage to Brobdingnag</i> , Chapters I-III
WEEK 2 September 11	Swift	<i>A Voyage to Brobdingnag</i> , Chapters IV-VIII; <i>A Voyage to Laputa, Balnibarbi, Luggnagg, Glubbdubdrib, and Japan</i>
WEEK 3 September 18	Swift	<i>A Voyage to the Country of the Houyhnhnms</i>

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