BASIC PROGRAM of LIBERAL EDUCATION FOR ADULTS
Summer Quarter, 2019
J. M. Coetzee: Two Recent Novels

COURSE INFORMATION

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<td>DAYS: Tuesdays</td>
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PREREQUISITES
None.

ATTENDANCE POLICY
Students should register before the course begins.

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Nobel Prize laureate and two-time Booker Prize winner J. M. Coetzee takes the Socratic trend in his fiction to a new frontier in *The Childhood of Jesus* (2013) and *The Schooldays of Jesus* (2016). Described by *The Daily Telegraph* as “an ascetic author who finds a way of denying you everything you want while somehow giving you what you need,” Coetzee is not telling a story about Jesus but about a man and a boy in search for answers to the eternal philosophical questions that each century, each generation, and each individual in quest for self-understanding needs to consider anew.

REQUIRED BOOKS
WEEKLY READING SCHEDULE

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| Week 1 Date: July 9 | Coetzee | *The Childhood of Jesus*  
Chs. 1-6 (pp. 1-50) |
| Week 2 Date: July 16 | Coetzee | *The Childhood of Jesus*  
Chs. 7-19 (pp. 51-166) |
| Week 3 Date: July 23 | Coetzee | *The Childhood of Jesus*  
Chs. 20-30 (pp. 167-276) |
| Week 4 Date: July 30 | Coetzee | *The Schooldays of Jesus*  
Chs. 1-8 (pp. 1-90) |
| Week 5 Date: August 6 | Coetzee | *The Schooldays of Jesus*  
Chs. 9-14 (pp. 91-173) |
| Week 6 Date: August 13 | Coetzee | *The Schooldays of Jesus*  
Chs. 15-23 (pp. 174-260) |

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