**COURSE INFORMATION**

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**GRAHAM SCHOOL INFORMATION**

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**PREREQUISITES**
None.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY**
Students should register before the course begins.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**
An exploration of texts fictional works authored by three of the most prominent philosophers of the French Enlightenment.

**REQUIRED TEXTS**

### WEEKLY READING SCHEDULE

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<th>WEEK</th>
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| **Week 1**  
Date: 6/26 | Montesquieu | *Persian Letters*  
Letters I-L (1-50) |
| **Week 2**  
Date: 7/3 | Montesquieu | *Persian Letters*  
Letters LI-CX (51-110) |
| **Week 3**  
Date: 7/10 | Montesquieu | *Persian Letters*  
Letters CXI-CLXI (111-160) |
| **Week 4**  
Date: 7/17 | Voltaire | *Candide, or Optimism*  
Chapters 1-18 |
| **Week 5**  
Date: 7/24 | Voltaire | *Candide, or Optimism*  
Chapters 19-30 |
| **Week 6**  
Date: 7/31 | Diderot | *Rameau’s Nephew*  
pp. 8-48 |
| **Week 7**  
Date: 8/7 | Diderot | *Rameau’s Nephew*  
pp. 48-87 |
| **Week 8**  
Date: 8/14 | Voltaire, Diderot | TBA |

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**CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE**
As we may be addressing controversial topics in our class discussions, we expect students to be respectful and considerate of others.

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