

GRADING

Your grade for the course will be determined from the following:

Quizzes	15%
Online Discussion	15%
<i>Gilgamesh</i> Essay	20%
<i>Clouds</i> Essay	20%
Final Exam	30%

Quizzes

We'll have short, timed online quizzes to help gauge our relationship with the material in the readings most days. Quizzes cover the textbook reading, plus *Gilgamesh* and *Clouds* when assigned. If you did the assigned readings, you should be prepared for the quiz.

Missed quizzes are not made up. If you miss a quiz, you'll get a zero for that quiz. Therefore, please make sure you are prepared each week and take the quiz.

Online Discussion

Each week during our online meeting time students gather in [the online discussion area for that week](#) and post reactions to the issues and ideas brought up in the week's readings and videos. Your posts should *include a question* and should respond to other students in the discussion as well.

Interpretive Essays

You'll write two interpretive essays. Details are on [the Essays page](#).

- One on the portrayal of society or religion in *The Epic of Gilgamesh*; and
- One on *Clouds* and its relationship with actual events in classical Athens.
- **Optional Draft.** You can submit a draft of the paper to me up to a week before it's due; I'll give you some general feedback (but not a grade). Because I accept drafts, I do not allow students to submit revised versions of their final paper after the due date. To make sure I see it soonest, please email me your optional draft rather than uploading it to BlackBoard.

Exam

The exam will be "take-home" essay exams, posted on a certain date and due the following Sunday. We'll discuss the content and structure of the exam beforehand, and a review sheet will be provided.

Note that [the policy on plagiarism](#) will be strictly observed for the essays and for the exams.