

ENG 2695E: Backgrounds & Foundations
Mondays 10:30-11:30am & Wednesdays 9:30-11:30am
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This course introduces students to some of the more famous texts, myths, and models from the early Judeo-Christian and classical Greek, Roman, Middle Eastern, and Asian literary and cultural traditions.



Authors and texts to be studied include selections from Homer's *The Odyssey*, Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, Euripides's *Medea*, Virgil's *The Aeneid*, Dante's *Inferno*, *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, *The One Thousand and One Nights*, *The Tale of Genji*, The Old and New Testament. In addition, we will also consider select instances of later writers who turn to these foundational texts as inspiration for their own literary, philosophical, or theoretical works including adaptations.