

# Senior Thesis Book List

Students will build their Senior Thesis reading list off of the following approved texts. Other appropriate works will be considered.

- » Aeschylus, Agamemnon, The Eumenides, The Libation Bearers, Prometheus Bound
- » Apollonius, On Conic Sections
- » Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics, On the Soul, Organon, Physics, Poetics, Politics
- » Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologiae
- » Augustine, Confessions
- » Austen, Emma, Pride and Prejudice
- » Bacon, The New Organon
- » Beowulf
- » The Bible, selected books
- » Blake, selected poems
- » Boethius, The Consolation of Philosophy
- » Bohr, Atomic Theory and the Description of Nature
- » Burke, Reflections on the Revolution in France
- » Cather, Death Comes for the Archbishop, My Ántonia
- » Cervantes, Don Quixote
- » Chaucer, The Canterbury Tales
- » Chekhov, selected short stories
- » Cicero, On Duties
- » Coleridge, "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner"
- » Conrad, Heart of Darkness
- » Constitution of the United States
- » Copernicus, Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres
- » Crane, The Red Badge of Courage
- » Dante, The Divine Comedy
- » Darwin, The Origin of Species
- » de Broglie, Matter and Light: The New Physics
- » Declaration of Independence
- » Descartes, Discourse on Method, Geometry, Meditations on First Philosophy
- » Dickens, David Copperfield, Great Expectations, A Tale of Two Cities
- » Dickinson, selected poems
- » Donne, selected poems
- » Douglass, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass
- » Dostoevsky, Crime and Punishment, The Brothers Karamazov
- » Einstein, Relativity: The Special and General Theory
- » Eliot, "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock," "The Waste Land"
- » Emerson, Essays
- » Epictetus, Manual
- » Euclid, Elements
- » Euripides, Bacchae, Medea, Hippolytus
- » Fabre, Souvenirs entomologiques
- » Faulkner, Go Down, Moses
- » Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby
- » Flaubert, Madame Bovary
- » Franklin, The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin
- » Frost, selected poems
- » Galileo, Two New Sciences
- » Gibbon, Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire
- » Goethe, Faust
- » Hamilton, Madison, and Jay, The Federalist Papers
- » Hawthorne, The Scarlet Letter
- » Hegel, Elements of the Philosophy of Right, Lectures on the Philosophy of History
- » Heisenberg, Physics and Philosophy
- » Hemingway, The Old Man and the Sea, The Sun Also Rises
- » Herodotus, Histories
- » Hesiod, Theogony, Works and Days
- » Hobbes, Leviathan
- » Homer, The Iliad, The Odyssey
- » Hopkins, selected poems
- » Huxley, Brave New World
- » Ibsen, A Doll's House
- » Ishiguro, The Remains of the Day
- » James, The Portrait of a Lady, Washington Square
- » Joyce, Dubliners, Ulysses
- » Kafka, The Metamorphosis
- » Kant, Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals
- » Keats, selected poems
- » Kepler, Astronomia Nova
- » Lavoisier, Elements of Chemistry
- » Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird
- » Lewis, The Abolition of Man
- » Lincoln-Douglas Debates
- » Livy, Books from the Foundation of the City
- » Locke, "A Letter Concerning Toleration," Second Treatise of Government
- » Lucretius, On the Nature of Things
- » Machiavelli, The Prince
- » Magna Carta
- » Malory, Le Morte d'Arthur
- » Marcus Aurelius, Meditations
- » Marlowe, Doctor Faustus
- » Marx, The Communist Manifesto
- » Maupassant, selected short stories
- » Melville, Moby-Dick
- » Milton, Paradise Lost
- » Montaigne, Essays
- » Montesquieu, The Spirit of the Laws
- » More, Utopia
- » Newton, Principia
- » Nietzsche, Beyond Good and Evil
- » O'Connor, selected short stories
- » Orwell, 1984
- » Ovid, Metamorphoses
- » Pascal, Pensées
- » Plato, Apology, Crito, Gorgias, Meno, Phaedo, Phaedrus, Republic, Symposium, Theaetetus, Timaeus
- » Plutarch, Parallel Lives
- » Poe, selected short stories
- » Polybius, Histories
- » Pre-Socratics, Fragments
- » Proust, In Search of Lost Time
- » Ptolemy, Almagest
- » Racine, Phèdre
- » Remarque, All Quiet on the Western Front
- » Rousseau, Discourse on the Origin of Inequality, Discourse on the Sciences and the Arts, On the Social Contract
- » Schrödinger, What is Life?
- » Shakespeare, Coriolanus, Hamlet, Henry V, Julius Caesar, King Lear, Macbeth, The Merchant of Venice, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Much Ado About Nothing, Othello, Romeo and Juliet, The Tempest, Twelfth Night, sonnets
- » Shelley, Mary, Frankenstein
- » Shelley, Percy Bysshe, selected poems
- » Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
- » Smith, Wealth of Nations
- » Solzhenitsyn, One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich
- » Song of Roland
- » Sophocles, Oedipus Rex, Oedipus at Colonus, Antigone
- » Steinbeck, The Grapes of Wrath
- » Stevens, selected poems
- » Swift, Gulliver's Travels
- » Tacitus, Annals
- » Tennyson, selected poems
- » Thoreau, Walden
- » Thucydides, History of the Peloponnesian War
- » Tocqueville, Democracy in America
- » Tolkien, The Lord of the Rings
- » Tolstoy, Anna Karenina, The Death of Ivan Ilych, War and Peace
- » Turgenev, Fathers and Sons
- » Twain, Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
- » Virgil, The Aeneid
- » Warren, All the King's Men
- » Wharton, The Age of Innocence
- » Waugh, Brideshead Revisited
- » Whitman, Leaves of Grass
- » Wiesel, Night
- » Wordsworth, selected poems