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READING LIST

Course Title: Augustine of Hippo: A Controversial Life
Location: Online, None
Term Dates: 21 Jan 2025 to 25 Mar 2025
Tutor: Susan Griffith

The reading list below was supplied by the course tutor.

If you have enrolled on a course starting in the autumn, you can become a borrowing member of the Rewley House library from 1st September. If you are enrolled on a course starting in other terms, you can become a borrowing member once the previous term has ended. For example, students starting in January can join the Library in early December and those starting in April can join in early March.

If you are planning to purchase any books, please keep in mind that courses with insufficient students enrolled will be cancelled. The Department accepts no responsibility for books bought in anticipation of a course running.

Preparatory Reading List

The items on this list are to give you some background to the materials and ideas that we will be covering on the course.

Author	Title
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Augustine of Hippo	<i>The Confessions (The first lesson will look at the Confessions. There are selections in Harmless's book, but if you wish to read more, I recommend the whole thing. Many translations available, and older ones are free online (although harder to understand).)</i>
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Brown, Peter	<i>Augustine of Hippo: A Biography (New Edition with Epilogue) (This will be the main secondary source. It may be helpful to read the first few chapters before the first class. The first edition (1967) is widely available in libraries and secondhand, but the new edition (2000) has two helpful epilogues.)</i>
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Chadwick, Henry	<i>Augustine: A very short introduction (A light, accessible introduction to Augustine.)</i>
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Harmless, William *Augustine in his own words (This will be the main text for the course, so it would be helpful if students have their own copies. It would also be helpful to read the first chapter before the first class.)*

Course Reading List

The items on this list are to support your learning while you are taking the course.

Author	Title
Bonner, Gerald	<i>St Augustine of Hippo: Life and Controversies (Supplemental reading.)</i>
Chadwick, Henry	<i>Augustine of Hippo: A Life (Supplemental reading.)</i>
Markus, R.A.	<i>Saeculum: History and Society in the Thought of St. Augustine (revised edition) (Supplemental reading. 1988 edition is preferred to the earlier one, but either is fine.)</i>
O'Daly, Gerard J. P.	<i>Augustine's City of God: A Reader's Guide</i>
Possidius	<i>The Life of Saint Augustine</i>
Rist, John	<i>Augustine: Ancient thought baptised (Supplemental reading.)</i>
TeSelle, Eugene	<i>Augustine the Theologian</i>
Van der Meer, F.	<i>Augustine the Bishop (Supplemental reading for more on Augustine's role as bishop.)</i>
Williams, Rowan	<i>On Augustine (An accessible introduction to the thought of Augustine. Very accessible supplemental reading.)</i>