

Proseminar: Knowledge in Eighteenth-Century Literature – Course Syllabus (Tue, 12-14, C 601)

	Date	Topics	Texts and written coursework to prepare FOR THIS MEETING:
01	07.10.	Preliminaries, Introduction: The Eighteenth Century and Knowledge	---
02	14.10.	Is Knowledge Power? A Short History of Science, the Church, and Curiosity	Reader: Samuel Butler, "The Elephant in the Moon" (poem) Paul Goring, "Religion, Science and Philosophy" (from: <i>Eighteenth-Century Literature and Culture</i>)
03	21.10.	"And all our knowledge, ourselves to know " – Alexander Pope, <i>Essay on Man</i>	Pope, <i>Essay on Man</i> (four epistles)
04	28.10.	Academic Writing I: Heuristics	Written Coursework: Create a bibliography in MLA style (see StudOn).
05	04.11.	David Hume, <i>Enquiry concerning Human Understanding</i>	Hume, <i>Enquiry concerning Human Understanding</i> Sections I-VII
06	11.11.	David Hume, <i>Enquiry concerning Human Understanding</i>	Hume, <i>Enquiry concerning Human Understanding</i> Sections VIII-XII
07	18.11.	Gulliver's Voyage to Laputa – Jonathan Swift's Satire on Science	Swift, <i>Gulliver's Travels</i> , Book III (emphasis on Laputa, Balnibarbi) Reader: Francis Bacon, extract from "The Advancement of Learning"
08	25.11.	Rational Beings? – Jonathan Swift: A New Anthropology	Swift, <i>Gulliver's Travels</i> , Book III (emphasis on Luggnagg, Glubbdubdrib), Book IV; Reader: H.J. Real, "Intention – Satire – Neue Anthropologie"
09	02.12.	Academic Writing II: Abstracts, Writing Techniques, Avoiding Plagiarism	Think about a topic for your term paper (submission deadline for abstracts: Written coursework due January 7 th , via upload to StudOn)
10	09.12.	Jonathan Swift: Teaching by Satire	Swift, <i>A Modest Proposal</i> ; Reader: H.J. Real, "Introduction to Satire"
11	16.12.	Revision and Quiz	Written Coursework: Submit your abstract to StudOn by January 7th!
12	13.01.	"A Renaissance Man": Samuel Johnson (I)	Johnson, <i>Rasselas</i>
13	20.01.	"A Renaissance Man": Samuel Johnson (II)	Johnson, <i>Rasselas</i>
14	27.01.	Academic Writing III: Formal Aspects, Common Mistakes	Deadline for papers: March 15th 2015