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READING LIST

Course Title: The Confessions of Augustine
Location: Ewert House, Oxford
Term Dates: 22 Apr 2026 to 20 May 2026
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.

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| Augustine | <i>The Confessions (Any reasonably modern translation.)</i> |
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Course Reading List

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

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| Brown, Peter | <i>Augustine of Hippo: A Biography</i> |
| Conybeare, Catherine | <i>The Routledge Guidebook to Augustine's Confessions</i> |
| Cooper, Kate | <i>Queens of a Fallen World: The Lost Women of Augustine's Confessions</i> |
| Lane Fox, Robin | <i>Augustine: Conversions to Confessions</i> |
| Markus, Robert | <i>Conversion and Disenchantment in Augustine's Spiritual Career</i> |

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| Nock, A.D. | <i>Conversion: The Old and the New in Religion from Alexander the Great to Augustine of Hippo.</i> |
| O'Donnell, James J. | <i>The Confessions of Augustine: Text and Commentary (This is available online through STOA on SOLO and I think also just on the web at Georgetown University's open repository.)</i> |
| O'Meara, J. | <i>The Young Augustine</i> |
| Possidius | <i>The Life of St Augustine (This is available in book form and online in older translations.)</i> |
| Rist, J. | <i>Augustine: Ancient Thought Baptised</i> |
| Starnes, Colin | <i>Augustine's Conversion: A Guide to the Argument of Confessions I-IX.</i> |
| Toom, Tarmo | <i>The Cambridge Companion to Augustine's Confessions</i> |
| Wills, Garry | <i>Augustine's Confessions: A Biography</i> |