Ph.D. Greek Literature & Theory Reading List

Prose

Demosthenes, Philippics 3
Gorgias, Encomium to Helen
Lysias 1 The Murder of Eratosthenes
Aristotle, Poetics
  Politics 1. Sections 4-7
Herodotus 1. 1-92; 2. 1-64
Plato, Republic 2. 376e-3. 398b; 10. 596-608b
  Symposium
Thucydides book 1
Xenophon, Memorabilia, Book 3
Plutarch, Life of Pericles
Heliodorus 4.7.1 – 4.13.2
Longinus, On the Sublime
Achilles Tatius book 2

Verse

Aeschylus, Oresteia
Aristophanes, Lysistrata, Frogs
Euripides, Medea, Bacchae
Menander, Dyskolos
Sophocles, Antigone, Oedipus Tyrannos
Hesiod, Theogony 1-120
Homer Iliad any 12 books
  Odyssey any 12 books
Pindar, Ol. 1, Pyth. 1 and Nem. 7
Apollonius of Rhodes book 3. 275-824
Theocritus 1,11,15
Lyric Poetry (Campbell): all selections of Archilochus, Semonides, Solon, Stesichorus,
  Sappho and Bacchylides
Callimachus, Hymns 1,2; Prologue of the Aetia
Musaeus, Hero and Leander