

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS AND RELIGION

COURSE OUTLINE – Fall 2017

Course GRST 601.18-S01 GRADUATE SEMINAR: ANCIENT GREEK BIOGRAPHY
Time W 14:00-16:45, Winspear Library (SS 553)
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Required Text(s): Books will be put on hold in the library's reserve collections and articles and ebooks will be available online through the University website. Other material will be made available as needed.

Course Description: This course will explore the origins and development of ancient Greek biography diachronically from a number of angles: the relation between biography and history; the relationship between fiction and biography; the development of autobiography; the influence of philosophical schools on the genre; the role of ethics; the ancient concept of character.

Online elements for this course: Some course readings will be available online

Core Competencies: Students will work on the following skills: contextualisation of historic texts; critical appraisal of primary and secondary material; practical application of theories and concepts presented in course readings and lectures; and clear expression of ideas in both written assignments and oral presentations.

Course Requirements:

Date	Assessment	Weight (%)	Required pass/fail
Every class	Participation	15%	
TBA	Formal Critical Response	10%	
TBA	Topical Presentation	25%	
	Work-in-progress presentation and annotated bibliography for the research essay	10%	
December 15, 2017	Research Essay (9500-10,000 words)	40%	

Grading

A letter grade will be assigned to each component of the course according to the University's Graduate Studies Calendar 2017-2018:

A+	4.0	Outstanding
A	4.0	Excellent – superior performance showing comprehensive understanding of the subject matter
A-	3.7	Very good performance
B+	3.3	Good performance
B	3.0	Satisfactory performance Note: The grade point value (3.0) associated with this grade is the minimum acceptable average that a graduate student must maintain throughout the program as computed at the end of each registration anniversary year of the program.
B-	2.7	Minimum pass for students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies Note: A student who receives a B- or lower in two or more courses will be required to withdraw regardless of their grade point average unless the program recommends otherwise. Individual programs may require a higher minimum passing grade.
C+	2.3	All grades below B- are indicative of failure at the graduate level and cannot be counted toward Faculty of Graduate Studies course requirements. A student who receives a grade of F will normally be required to withdraw unless the program recommends otherwise.
C	2.0	
C-	1.7	
D+	1.3	
D	1.0	
F	0.0	

N.B. All written assignments will be graded with regard to both form and content.

Policy with regard to missed assignments/assessments: All dates are firm. Without acceptable documentation (i.e. medical certificate, police report, bereavement notice, confirmation of religious observance, or court summons), missed assessments will be awarded as 'F'. This policy is intended to encourage diligence and integrity among students as well as to uphold principles of fairness and equality with respect to other students in the class.

Expectations for student conduct in this course: You are expected to show consideration and respect for your fellow-classmates and instructor, to come to class with course reading done and to participate fully in class discussions each week.

Electronic Device Policy: Please show respect towards your classmates and instructor with regard to electronic devices by keeping your phone on silent during the class and using laptop computers (or other note-taking devices) only for the purposes of taking notes, following along with classroom demonstrations, or for other course-related purposes. Those who cause a distraction by using them for other purposes will have this privilege withdrawn. No electronic recording of lectures is allowed.

Syllabus:

A complete syllabus will be made available the first week of class.

References and Bibliography:

Please use the AUTHOR-DATE citation style as set out in the most recent edition of the Chicago Manual of Style. You can find a quick guide here: http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism is not tolerated at the University of Calgary and has serious consequences. Your essays/presentations must be your own work and inadequate referencing may be seen as plagiarism. Please see the relevant sections on Academic Misconduct in the current University Calendar (section K, which can be found here: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>.) If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor or librarian staff.

Student Accommodations

The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy.

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the course instructor.

Desire 2 Learn (D2L) Help

Go to <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/desire2learn/home/students> for Student Help and FAQ's about D2L. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are also available on this website.

Freedom of Information and Privacy

This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP): <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act indicates that assignments given by you to your course instructor will remain confidential unless otherwise stated before submission. The assignment cannot be returned to anyone else without your express permission. Similarly, any information about yourself that you share with your course instructor will not be given to anyone else without your permission. As one consequence, students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page.

Graduate Student Association Ombudsperson

The Student Ombuds Office provides independent, impartial and confidential support for students who require assistance and advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. See www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds for more information.

Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints. Please check this website and not the nearest assembly point for this course.

Safewalk

The Safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus (including McMahon Stadium, Health Sciences, Student Family Housing, the Alberta Children's Hospital and the University LRT station). This service is free and available to students, staff and campus visitors 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. Call 403-220-5333 or use one of the Help phones located throughout campus to request a walk.