

**University of Calgary**  
**Department of Greek and Roman Studies**  
**Fall 2009**  
**GRST 205: Introduction to Greece and Rome**

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**Classes:** SAT 8:00-11:50pm

**Classroom:** SS 113

**Textbook(s)**

S.B. Pomeroy et al A Brief History of Ancient Greece: Politics, Society and Culture Oxford 2009 (called "Greece" in the readings below)

M.T. Boatwright et al A Brief History of the Romans Oxford 2006 (called "Romans" in the readings below)

Penguin Custom Editions The Western World Penguin 2002 (called "Reader" in the readings below)

**The Course**

This course is an introduction to Greek and Roman history from the Minoan period to the death of Constantine.

Week 1

Sat Sep 12 Introduction  
Minoan and Mycenaean Greece, Dark Age Greece  
Reading: Greece P.3-46

Week 2

Sat Sep 19 Archaic Greece, Homeric society, Hoplite Training, Sparta,  
Reading: Greece P.47-123  
Reader P.5-7 Homer

Week 3

Sat Sep 26th Athens, the advent of Democracy, the Persian Wars  
Reading: Greece P.124-155  
Reader P.15-18 Herodotus and 51-59 Aristotle **Quiz on Homer**

Week 4

Sat Oct 3 The Delian League and the Athenian Empire, the Peloponnesian War  
Reading: Greece P. 156-253  
Reader P. 38-50 Thucydides. **Quiz on Herodotus & Aristotle**

Week 5

Sat Oct 10 The end of the Peloponnesian War, The rise of Macedon and Alexander the Great, Hellenistic Greece, Greek Culture (art, architecture and literature)  
Reading: Greece P.254-368  
**Quiz on Thucydides**

Week 6

Sat Oct 17 **In Class Midterm Exam**  
Early Rome and the Punic Wars  
Reading: Romans P. 1-89  
Reader P.99-100 and 75-80 Livy.

Week 7

Sat Oct 24 The Gracchi and the period of the Middle Republic to Sulla  
Reading: Romans P.90-123  
Reader P. 81-86 Plutarch **Quiz on Livy**

Week 8

Sat Oct 31 Caesar, Pompey, Civil War and the end of the Republic, Octavian and Antony  
Reading: Romans P.124-179  
Reader P. 87-91 and 104-105 Plutarch and 92-95 Cicero

Week 9

Sat Nov 7 The Julio-Claudians and the Flavians  
Reading: Romans P. 180-226  
Reader P. 106-119 Suetonius and 120-124 Tacitus  
**Quiz on Cicero & Plutarch**

Week 10

Sat Nov 14 **Reading Week Break – NO CLASS**

Week 11

Sat Nov 21 The Empire from Nerva-Constantine  
Reading: Romans P.227-298  
Reader P. 132-134 Pliny

Week 12

Sat Nov 28 Roman Culture  
Reading: Romans P. 33-43; 187-200; 213-221; 237-246; 263-272; 291-298  
**Quiz on Suetonius, Tacitus & Pliny. Papers Due.**

## Requirements

5 Quizzes on primary sources*	throughout	5%
In-class Midterm on Greek Material	Saturday October 17th	35%
Term Paper of 1500 words	Saturday November 28th	25%
Final Exam on Roman Material	TBC	35%

\* 6 quizzes will be given. The student may select the best 5 to contribute towards their grade

## Grading Scale

A+	95-100%
A	90-94%
A-	85-89%
B+	80-84%
B	75-79%
B-	70-74%
C+	67-69%
C	63-66%
C-	60-62%
D+	55-59%
D	50-54%
F	below 50%

## Policies and Notes

1. The making up of missed tests/assignments will not be granted without prior notification, and only in cases for medical reasons certified by a doctor.
2. All students should observe the regulations on student misconduct as outlined in the 2009-10 University of Calgary Course Calendar.
3. It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation, please register with the Disability Resource Center (220-8237). Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Center are not eligible for formal academic accommodations. You are required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than 14 days after the start of this course.