

University of Calgary
Department of Greek and Roman Studies
Summer 2010
GRST 205: Introduction to Greece and Rome

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Classes: MWF 12.00-13.45

Classroom: ST 135

Textbook(s)

(Suggested but not necessary – Powerpoints for lectures will be available after each class and photocopies/online access to ancient sources)

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)

The Course

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

Mondays and Wednesdays will be lectures on the history.

Fridays will be a seminar style discussion of primary sources and how to use them as a historian.

Schedule:

Wed May 11 Introduction Minoan & Mycenaean Greece, Dark Age Greece, Archaic Greece, Homeric society.

Reading: Greece P.3-80

Fri May 13 Primary sources: Homer & Hesiod. **Using primary sources in an essay.**

Mon May 16 Hoplite Training, Sparta, Athens, the advent of Democracy,
Reading: Greece P.81-138

Wed May 18 The Persian Wars. The Delian League and the Athenian Empire
Reading: Greece P.139-162

Fri May 20 Primary sources: *The Spartan Constitution*; Aristotle *Athenian Constitution* Herodotus.

Quiz 1 on Homer & Hesiod

Mon May 23 **Victoria Day University Closed No lecture**

- Wed May 25 The Peloponnesian War.
Reading: Greece P.162-167 & 188-200 & 217-254
- Fri May 27 Primary sources: Thucydides & Xenophon
Quiz 2 on *Spartan Constitution*, Herodotus & Aristotle.
- Mon May 30 The fourth century BCE. The rise of Macedon and Alexander the Great,
Hellenistic Greece, Greek Culture (art, architecture and literature)
Reading: Greece P. 254-364 & 167-188 & 200-217
- Wed June 1 **Quiz 3 on Thucydides & Xenophon**
In Class Midterm Exam on Greece
Early Rome
Reading: Romans P. 1-54
- Fri June 3 **Midterm break No Lecture**
- Mon June 6 Primary sources: Livy, Polybius
The Republic, the Punic Wars, The Gracchi
Reading: Romans P.54-98
- Wed June 8 Marius & Sulla and the decline of the Republic
Reading: Romans P.99-134
- Fri June 10 Primary sources: Plutarch, *Sulla & Marius*
Quiz 4 on Livy & Polybius
- Mon June 13 Caesar & Pompey, Civil War and the end of the Republic
Reading: Romans P.135-166
In Class midterm exam on Rome part 1
- Wed June 15 Octavian and Antony.
Reading: Romans P.167-200
- Fri June 17 Primary sources: Caesar; Augustus; Plutarch, *Caesar, Antony*.
Quiz 5 on Plutarch
- Mon June 20 The Julio-Claudians and The Flavians
Reading: Romans P. 201-246
Quiz 6 on Caesar, Augustus and Plutarch.
- Wed June 22 The Empire from Nerva-Constantine. Roman Culture
Reading: Romans P. 247-302
- Fri June 24 **In Class midterm exam on Rome part 2.**

**BE AWARE THE LECTURE SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE AS WE PROGRESS
DUE TO TIME RESTRAINTS**

Requirements

Participation	throughout	10%
5 Quizzes on primary sources*	throughout	5%
In-class Midterm on Greek Material (50 questions)	Wednesday June 1st	25%
First Exam on Roman material (30 questions)	Monday June 13th	15%
Term Paper of 2000 words	Friday June 17th	35%
Second Exam on Roman Material (20 questions)	Friday June 24th	10%

* 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.