

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS AND RELIGION

COURSE OUTLINE – WINTER 2015

Course GRST 205 L01: Introduction to Greece and Rome
Time Tuesdays & Thursdays, 14:00-15:15
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Required Texts:

- 1) D. B. Nagle and S. M. Burstein (eds.) (2013), *Readings in Greek History. Sources and Interpretations*, 2nd edition (Oxford).
- 2) M. Gibbs, M. Nikolic and P. Ripat (eds.) (2013), *Themes in Roman Society and Culture* (Oxford).

Course Description: Why did 300 Spartans have to withstand Persians at Thermopylae? Where was democracy invented? Who assassinated Julius Caesar? What was it like to be an ancient slave? Why did Romans enjoy watching gladiators kill each other? This course will explore these questions and more in an introduction to themes in Greek and Roman history, society, religion, and culture. We will also explore the writings, objects, and buildings that Greeks and Romans created, from written sources like speeches, letters, and poems, to archaeological artefacts like weapons, children's toys, and coins, to sites like temples, palaces, and tombs.

Online elements for this course: Some resources will be posted on Desire2Learn (D2L). However, please note that lecture notes/PowerPoint will not be posted on D2L. It is your responsibility to attend lectures and make notes.

Core Competencies: This course will introduce students to the ancient evidence as well as the larger themes in the study of Greek and Roman history. Students will increase their knowledge of the ancient world through assigned readings, participation in lectures, and memorization assessed through multiple choice exams.

Course Requirements:

| Date | Assessment | Weight (%) | Required pass/fail |
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| Thursday, 5 Feb. 2015 | Midterm #1 (multiple choice) | 20% | no |
| Thursday, 5 Mar. 2015 | Midterm #2 (multiple choice) | 20% | no |

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| Thursday, 2 April 2015 | Midterm #3 (multiple choice) | 20% | no |
| (registrar scheduled) | 1 two-hour exam (multiple choice) | 40% | no |

Grading

A numerical mark will be given for each course requirement. A letter grade will be assigned on the following number and letter grade scheme, standardized within the Department of Classics and Religion:

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| A+ | 100 - 96 | A | 95 - 90 | A- | 89 - 85 |
| B+ | 84 - 80 | B | 79 - 75 | B- | 74 - 70 |
| C+ | 69 - 65 | C | 64 - 60 | C- | 59 - 55 |
| D+ | 54 - 53 | D | 52-50 | F | Under 50 |

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

Policy with regard to missed assignments/assessments: Assignments/assessments submitted after the deadline will be penalized with the loss of a third of a grade (an A- to B+) for each business day (not class) that the assignment/assessment is overdue.

Expectations for student conduct in this course: Students are expected to do the assigned reading for each class, and to participate in in-class activities and discussion. The lectures and textbooks complement, but do not replace, each other; you will be assessed on material from both the lectures and the textbooks.

Electronic Device Policy: Devices used for note-taking are permitted. You are expected to show respect for your fellow students and your instructor by not wearing headphones, answering phone calls, playing music, or watching your own videos during class. Recording any part of any lectures in any form must first be approved by the instructor in writing and is for individual private study only.

Syllabus:

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

References and Bibliography:

The Department of Classics and Religion uses the most recent edition of the Chicago Manual of Style and requires references and bibliographies to adhere to the Chicago citation system. You can find a quick guide here: http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html. Alternatively please consult with the library staff for help and advice for using the Chicago citation style.

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, librarian staff or the Chicago manual of style.

Academic Accommodation

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with Student Accessibility Services, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with Student Accessibility Services are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than **fourteen (14) days** after the start of the course.

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.

Gnosis

Gnosis is the Religious Studies Student Club. For membership or more information please email: gnosis@ucalgary.ca or visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~gnosis>.

Classics Student Society: Classics Student Society is the Greek and Roman Studies Student Club. For membership or more information please email: classsoc@ucalgary.ca or visit <http://grst.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/classics-students-society>.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Faculty of Arts Students' Centre (ASC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS102, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at ascarts@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre at (403) 220-5881 or visit them on the 3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Student Ombudsperson and Students' Union Representative

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.

The Students' Union Faculty of Arts representative can be reached at arts1@ucalgary.ca.

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.