

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
DEPARTMENT OF GREEK AND ROMAN STUDIES
COURSE OUTLINE
FALL 2010
GREEK AND ROMAN STUDIES 305 /
RELIGIOUS STUDIES 305:
Greek Religion

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or by appointment
COURSE TIME AND PLACE: MWF 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
EDC 280

REQUIRED TEXT:

Jon D. Mikalson, *Ancient Greek Religion*, 2nd ed. (Wiley-Blackwell, 2010)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

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| 1. One Research Project (due Monday 25 October) | 30% |
| 2. One in-class Mid-Term Examination (Monday 15 November) | 30% |
| 3. One Term Paper (due Friday 10 December) | 40% |

There is no Final Examination for this course

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will explore religious action (ritual) and language (myth) among the ancient Greeks. How did religion inform their understanding of a human's situation in space and time? What was a person's divinely sanctioned place in the family, the city, and the cosmos? Each student will be required to assemble and evaluate the evidence about a particular Greek shrine, cult or festival (research project), and apply that evidence to the questions asked above (term paper). The mid-term exam will test the student's general knowledge of the topics covered in the lectures.

1. The withdrawal deadline for this course is **December 10th, 2010**. The instructor will inform students of their grades currently earned in the course for four weeks prior to this deadline. **The last day to withdraw without a refund of fees is September 24, 2010.**

2. **Students should observe the regulations on "Student Misconduct" (plagiarism, cheating, etc.) which are found in the on-line version of the 2010-2011 *University of Calgary Calendar* (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/2007/how/index.htm>).** If you need guidance about these issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.

3. **Disabilities.** It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre 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 this course.

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	<i>Date</i>	<i>Lecture</i>	<i>Readings</i> (from Jon D. Mikalson, <i>Ancient Greek Religion</i> , 2 nd ed.)
1	Mon 13 Sept	Introduction to Course	No assigned readings
2	Wed 15 Sept	The Centuries B.H. (Before Homer): a Pre-History of the Greek Gods	No assigned readings
3	Fri 17 Sept	Becoming Greek: Origins of Olympian Order	No assigned readings
4	Mon 20 Sept	SACRED SPACE: Earth (Caves) & Sky (Peaks)	Mikalson, pp. 1-5
5	Wed 22 Sept	SACRED SPACE: from Circumference to Centre (Capes, Boundaries & Acropoleis)	No assigned readings
6	Fri 24 Sept	SACRED SPACE: the altar, <i>temenos</i> , & temple	Mikalson, pp. 5-8; pp. 15-21
7	Mon 27 Sept	SACRED ACTION: Worship & Sacrifice	Mikalson, pp. 21-27
8	Wed 29 Sept	<i>Case Study</i> : Two Myths on the Origin of Sacrifice	Mikalson, pp. 62-3
9	Fri 1 Oct	SACRED ACTION: Pollution & Purification	Mikalson, pp. 8-10
10	Mon 4 Oct	<i>Case Study</i> : the <i>Bouphonia</i>	Mikalson, pp. 61-2
11	Wed 6 Oct	SACRED ACTION: Dedications (<i>anathemata</i>)	Mikalson, pp. 14-15
12	Fri 8 Oct	SACRED ACTORS: the Priesthood	Mikalson, pp. 10-11
	Mon 11 Oct	<i>Thanksgiving Day: No lectures.</i>	
13	Wed 13 Oct	SACRED TIME: the Seasons	Mikalson, pp. 11-13
14	Fri 15 Oct	SACRED TIME: the Civic Calendar	No assigned readings
15	Mon 18 Oct	<i>Case Study</i> : the Athenian Calendar	No assigned readings
16	Wed 20 Oct	THE DIVINE: Designating the gods	Mikalson, pp. 32-6
17	Fri 22 Oct	THE DIVINE: Ouranic vs Chthonic	Mikalson, pp. 36-8
18	Mon 25 Oct	<i>Case Study</i> : the Many Sides of Zeus	RESEARCH PROJECT DUE
19	Wed 27 Oct	THE DIVINE: Male & Female	No assigned readings
20	Fri 29 Oct	<i>Case Study</i> : the 'Mother Goddess'	No assigned readings
21	Mon 1 Nov	THE DIVINE: Hero Worship	Mikalson, pp. 38-50
22	Wed 3 Nov	SACRED STORY: the Foundation of Athens	Mikalson, pp. 54-8
23	Fri 5 Nov	<i>Case Study</i> : the <i>Arrhēphoria</i>	Mikalson, pp. 68-78
24	Mon 8 Nov	<i>Case Study</i> : the <i>Panathenaea</i>	Mikalson, pp. 68-78
25	Wed 10 Nov	SACRED STORY: the Coming of Dionysus	Mikalson, pp. 58-9
<i>Reading Days (Nov. 11-14): No lectures.</i>			
26	Mon 15 Nov	MID-TERM EXAM	
27	Wed 17 Nov	<i>Case Study</i> : the <i>Anthesteria</i>	No assigned readings
28	Fri 19 Nov	<i>Case Study</i> : the <i>Anthesteria</i> (cont'd)	No assigned readings
29	Mon 22 Nov	PAN-HELLENIC CULT: on Being Greek	No assigned readings
30	Wed 24 Nov	PAN-HELLENIC CULT: Eleusis	Mikalson, pp. 78-85
31	Fri 26 Nov	<i>Case Study</i> : the <i>Eleusinia</i>	Mikalson, pp. 78-85
32	Mon 29 Nov	PAN-HELLENIC CULT: Delphi	Mikalson, pp. 92-102
33	Wed 1 Dec	<i>Case Study</i> : the <i>Stepteron</i>	No assigned readings
34	Fri 3 Dec	RELIGION & THE FAMILY	Mikalson, pp. 124-136
35	Mon 6 Dec	<i>Case Study</i> : Daughters Playing the Bear at Brauron	Mikalson, pp. 59-61; 136-140
36	Wed 8 Dec	<i>Case Study</i> : Sons Shedding Blood at Sparta	Mikalson, pp. 140-143
37	Fri 10 Dec	THE DEAD	Mikalson, pp. 134-6; pp. 177-183 TERM PAPER DUE

No Final Exam Scheduled