

DEPARTMENT OF GREEK AND ROMAN STUDIES
GREEK AND ROMAN STUDIES 339
HISTORY OF CLASSICAL GREECE
COURSE OUTLINE
FALL 2010

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- Office Hours: Humphrey: WF 13:45-14:45, TR 15:30-16:30, or by appointment; email consultation any time
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- Web Page: Login through the Blackboard site using your **ucalgary** email username and password. Click on "GRST 339."
- Class Time: MWF 15:00-15:50
- Classroom: EDC 386 (subject to change)
- Texts: Herodotus, *The Histories*. Penguin Classics series.
Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War*. Penguin Classics series.
Xenophon, *History of My Times*. Penguin Classics series.
Penguin Historical Atlas of Ancient Greece.
- Assignments:
1. Five group **discussions** [20%]. The class will be divided into groups of six, to consider each topic in advance, to prepare a brief "position paper" to be presented to the class, and to engage in discussion with the other groups. The grade for each assignment will be an equal combination of the individual group's prepared paper and the quality of the general class discussion.
 2. **Midterm test** [20%]. This test will examine material from the first half of the course, with a series of short-answer questions.
 3. An **essay** of about 2,000 words [25%]. The topic will be chosen in consultation with the instructors, and the essay will be due on a mutually agreeable date.
 4. A 2-hour **final examination** scheduled by the Registrar [35%]. This will consist of two equal parts: the equivalent of the midterm test, examining material from the second half of the course; and an interpretive essay, to be selected from a variety of topics that treat the course as a whole.
- Notes:
1. Because we do not post our complete lectures on Blackboard, attendance at class is an essential element of the course. This also gives you the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the material, which we hope you will do regularly.
 2. We encourage you to maintain consultation with us throughout the term, to ask for help when you are floundering or confused, to discuss difficulties with the ancient sources, to choose a suitable essay topic, and to keep us aware of unexpected absences.
 3. Note that you will not be eligible for a passing grade unless you have completed **all** assignments (including participation in at least three of the five discussions).
 4. The withdrawal deadline for this course is Friday 10 December 2010. You can track your current standing in the course through Blackboard. The last day to withdraw from this course without a refund of fees is Friday 24 September 2010.
 5. The Department of Greek and Roman Studies draws the attention of all students in its courses to the University regulations on plagiarism, cheating, and other academic misconduct, which can be found in the on-line version of the 2009-2010 University *Calendar* (www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html).

Course Schedule

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>ANCIENT SOURCES</u>
Sep	13 Mo	Introduction: outline of the course	
	15 We	Introduction: timeline of Greek history	
	17 Fr	Introduction: geography of the Greek world	
	20 Mo	Introduction: the Greek people and the <i>barbaroi</i>	
	22 We	Primary sources of information	
	24 Fr	Before the Classical period: the Bronze Age	
	27 Mo	Before the Classical period: the Archaic Age and Homer	
	29 We	Herodotus the historian	H introduction
Oct	01 Fr	The Persian Wars: the background	H 1.1-140
	04 Mo	The Persian Wars: the battles	H 6.94-140; 7.139-239; 8.40-96
	06 We	The Persian Wars: the consequences	H 9.114-122
	08 Fr	Discussion 1 : Was Herodotus the Father of History?	
	11 Mo	<i>Thanksgiving: no lectures</i>	
	13 We	Athens: from confederacy to empire	T 1.89-117
	15 Fr	Athens: the democratic state	
	18 Mo	Athens: the cultural revolution	
	20 We	Athens: the monuments	
	22 Fri	Discussion 2 : Culture, democracy, and empire	
	25 Mo	Midterm Test	
	27 We	Sparta: political and social organization	
	29 Fr	Greek sanctuaries: Delphi and Olympia	
Nov	01 Mo	Greek economy	
	03 We	Greek society	
	05 Fr	Discussion 3 : Athens and Sparta compared	
	08 Mo	Thucydides the historian	T introduction; 1.1-23
	10 We	The Peloponnesian War: the Aegean	T 2.7-65; 3.1-89; 4.8-41
	12 Fr	<i>Midterm break: no lectures</i>	
	15 Mo	The Peloponnesian War: the Sicilian expedition	T 6-7
	17 We	The Peloponnesian War: the end	X 1.1-2.3
	19 Fr	Discussion 4 : Was Thucydides impartial?	
	22 Mo	Xenophon the historian	X introduction
	24 We	TBA	
	26 Fr	TBA	X
	29 Mo	TBA	
Dec	01 We	TBA	
	03 Fr	TBA	
	06 Mo	TBA	
	08 We	TBA	

10 Fr **Discussion 5:** Afghanistan then and now