

DRAFT SHORT SYLLABUS

AP/HIST 2100 6.0 – ANCIENT GREECE AND ROME

(Crosslisted to: AP/CLST 2100 6.00)

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THIS COURSE WILL BE TAUGHT ONLINE AND ASYNCHRONOUSLY

Course Calendar Description: A study of the Greek and Roman world, with particular emphasis on its social, economic and intellectual history, using primary sources archaeological, epigraphic and literary wherever possible.

Expanded Course Description: This course offers a general introduction to the history of ancient Greece and Rome. It surveys the ancient world from the Greek Bronze Age in the second millennium BC until the fall of the Western Roman Empire in the fifth century AD. Specific periods are studied in more detail, with emphasis on the social, economic, and political history of each. Extensive use is made of primary sources (in translation), with special attention devoted to the evaluation of literary, archaeological, and documentary evidence.

Among the areas covered are Homeric society, the development of the city-state (*polis*) in archaic and classical Greece, Athenian society in the fifth and fourth centuries BC, the rise of Rome, politics and society in late Republican Rome, and the society, economy, and political structure of the Roman Empire. Texts, read in translation, typically include selections from the following: Homer's *Odyssey*; the histories of Herodotus and Thucydides; Athenian law-court speeches; the speeches of Cicero; the historical works of Sallust and Tacitus; Suetonius' biographies of Roman emperors; the letters of Pliny; and Greek and Roman documentary inscriptions.

Tentative Grade Breakdown/Overview of Assessment:

- Essays: 40%
- Online exams: 30%
- Online quizzes: 10%
- Participation (contributions to online discussion boards, short reading responses, etc.): 20%