

Course Outline: Ancient Greek and Roman History: From the Trojan War to the Fall of the Western Roman Empire

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Note for students: This short course outline is provided for planning purposes only. Course information is tentative and subject to change; the final course syllabus will be available by the first day of classes.

Course Code

AP/HIST 2100 6.0 Ancient Greek and Roman History

Course Description

The aim of this course is to introduce students to the historical development and political circumstances of the Ancient Greek and Roman worlds. Besides the historical narrative, students will be exposed to the society and culture of the two civilizations, with specific emphasis on such topics as women and gender, slavery, sport and entertainment, religion, and economy. The course will also help students develop important skills of critical reading and analysis, by utilizing a wide range of primary source material, including literary, epigraphic (inscriptional), artistic and material evidence, as well as scholarly studies on key subjects.

The course is divided into two halves. Fall Term explores Greek civilization from the Bronze Age to the Hellenistic Kingdoms that flourished after the death of Alexander the Great. Winter Term is devoted to Roman history, from the development of early Rome and its neighbours, the Roman Republic, the Principate, and the Later Roman Empire.

Course Delivery

Delivery Mode: LECT

This course will be taught in-person. Lectures will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30-11:20 a.m. In weekly tutorials (50 minutes, days/times vary) you will learn in smaller groups of 25 students through discussion of weekly course readings.

Course Materials

The following books are required (all will be available electronically through Bookstore):

S. B. Pomeroy, S. M. Burstein, W. Donlan, J. T. Roberts, D. W. Tandy and G. Tsouvala, *A Brief History of Ancient Greece: Politics, Society and Culture*. 5th ed. Oxford University Press

M. T. Boatwright, D. J. Gargola and R. Talbert, *A Brief History of the Romans*. 2nd ed. Oxford University Press

Homer, *The Odyssey* (tr. A. Verity). Oxford World's Classics: Oxford University Press

Plutarch, *Roman Lives* (tr. R. Waterfield). Oxford World's Classics: Oxford University Press

Tacitus, *Annals: The Reigns of Tiberius, Claudius and Nero* (tr. J. C. Yardley). Oxford World's Classics: Oxford University Press

A variety of other readings will be available electronically.

Tentative Grade Breakdown and Deadlines

Assessment	Weight	Mode	Tentative Deadline
Tutorial participation	10%	In-person	Throughout course
Ten quizzes	10%	Online	Throughout course
Two in-class writing assignments	20%	In-person	Late September and February
Two essays	20%	Take-home	November and March
Two exams	40%	In-person	December and April examination periods
	100%		