

**UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY  
FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS AND RELIGION**

**COURSE OUTLINE – Fall 2018  
Introduction to Greece and Rome**

**Course** GRST 205-01  
**Time** MFH 162  
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**Required Text(s):** A Brief History of the Romans

Mary T. Boatwright, Daniel J. Gargola, Noel Lenski and Richard J. A. Talbert  
ISBN-13: 9780199987559  
Publication Year: 2013 | Paperback | 384 pp.

**and**

A Brief History of Ancient Greece : Politics, Society, and Culture

Sarah B. Pomeroy, Stanley M. Burstein, Walter Donlan, Jennifer Tolbert Roberts and David Tandy  
ISBN-13: 9780199981557  
Publication Year: 2013 | Paperback | 432 pp.

**These books are available at the bookstore as a course pack.**

**Course Description:**

What is the “Thucydides Trap” that appears in headlines these days and who was Thucydides. CNN recently quoted a British diplomat for saying "In Aleppo, Russia and the Syrian regime seek to make a desert and call it peace." He didn't come up with that striking picture himself. He was quoting Tacitus a Roman historian who said: They make a desolation and they call it peace. Finally, a headline in the Washington Post: “A Cicero worthy of the Founding Fathers”. Marcus Tullius Cicero was a Roman statesman so what is he doing here with the Founding Fathers. The article is about John McCain and his insistence on not giving up his ideals even in difficult times. He shares that characteristic with Cicero who opposed Mark Anthony well knowing that it was a hopeless cause.

With this course, you will be able to answer these questions. The course is a lecture course that covers the history and culture of Ancient Greece and Rome from the prehistoric Minoan

civilisation on Crete in the 2<sup>nd</sup> millennium BC to the Christian Roman Empire under emperor Constantine in the early 4<sup>th</sup> century AD.

Please note that the textbook readings are supposed to give you a background for each lecture topic. I will not repeat what your textbook already has said. Therefore, please do read the assigned text before class. A more detailed syllabus will be distributed in class.

Slides and additional information will be posted on D2L but you shouldn't see this as a substitute for lecture notes at all.

As you will see below that are many quizzes/midterms and they are all multiple choice. When there are so many your chances of obtaining a final good grade increases considerably if you should do badly in one quiz. So, don't worry over that.

**Core Competencies:** Civilisation was not invented in Ancient Greece and Rome but these two cultures are the ones that have influenced the western world. Students will learn about the world we live in by an increased knowledge of Greece and Rome where the norms and ideas on which we build our society were formed.

**Course Requirements:**

Date	Assessment	Weight (%)	Required pass/fail
21 September	Multiple choice	10%	no
5 October	Multiple choice	20%	no
19 October	Multiple choice	20%	no
2 November	Multiple choice	20%	no
19 November	Multiple choice	20%	no
7 December	Multiple choice	10%	no

*There will be no Registrar-scheduled final exam*

**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, usually used within the Department of Classics and Religion:

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:** Contact me immediately if you are unable to write a quiz or an exam. We can all get ill but abuse will not be accepted.

**Expectations for student conduct in this course:** Be respectful and behave decently

**Electronic Device Policy:** You can use your devices for note taking but absolutely not for being on social media. It is a waste of everybody's time and very disruptive, much more than you think.

**Syllabus:**

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

**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, or librarian staff.

**Student Accommodations**

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit [www.ucalgary.ca/access/](http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/).

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at

[http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy\\_0.pdf](http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf).

**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.

**Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources**

- For program planning and advice, students in the Faculty of Arts will contact The Arts Students' Centre (ASC). Drop in at SS102, call at 403-220-3580 or email at [ascarts@ucalgary.ca](mailto: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 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.

**Freedom of Information and Privacy**

This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP): <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act indicates that assignments given by you to your course instructor will remain confidential unless otherwise stated before submission. The assignment cannot be returned to anyone else without your express permission. Similarly, any information about yourself that you share with your course instructor

will not be given to anyone else without your permission. As one consequence, students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page.

### **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](http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds) for more information. The Students' Union Faculty of Arts representative can be reached at [arts1@ucalgary.ca](mailto: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](http://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.

### **Health and Wellness**

There are services available to students to help with physical and mental health, including the SU Wellness Centre: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/>.

Learn more about the Campus Mental Health Strategy here: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/>.