

## DEPARTMENT OF GREEK & ROMAN STUDIES

### COURSE OUTLINE

#### GRST 205-02: INTRODUCTION TO GREECE AND ROME

#### WINTER 2011

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**OFFICE HOURS:** MW 14:00 – 14:50; and by appointment  
**TIME & PLACE OF CLASS:** MW 15:00 – 15:50 ICT 102  
Tutorials, as scheduled

#### TEXTBOOKS:

- S. Pomeroy et al., *A Brief History of Ancient Greece. Politics, Society and Culture*, Oxford 2009 (2<sup>nd</sup> edition).
- M. Boatwright et al. *A Brief History of the Romans*, Oxford 2006.
- University of Calgary, Greek and Romans Studies 205, *The Western World*, Penguin Custom Editions 2007.

#### COURSE OBJECTIVES AND PROCEDURE:

- The lectures, in combination with the textbooks on Greece and Rome, will provide students with a basic chronological understanding of the ancient world and a knowledge of the main people and events of the ancient Greek and Roman past.
- The two main textbooks need not be brought to the lectures, but students are advised to read the materials before the relevant lectures, since that will assist them in the understanding of the lectures.
- A schedule of topics and readings will be available on the Blackboard site, in part or in whole, by the end of the first week of classes.
- Lectures will be supplemented by materials, including lecture outlines, on a website updated and maintained by the instructor during the semester. Students are advised not to rely solely on the website in their preparation for the mid-term test and final examination, but to attend lectures regularly and to do the readings thoroughly and completely.
- The mid-term test (on Greek material) and the final examination (on Roman material) will be in the 'short answer' format. Details will be provided at the appropriate times.
- The tutorials, in combination with the documents in the reader, will provide students with an understanding of the materials from which we, in the modern world, learn about the people and events in the ancient world.

- Students are expected to attend all tutorials and to bring with them the Reader (*The Western World*), since the documents to be discussed in the tutorials are printed in that volume.
- A schedule of tutorial topics and readings will be available on the Blackboard site by the end of the first week of classes. This document will also specify the due dates for the two essays.
- Students will discuss their essays with the teaching assistant conducting their tutorial groups and will submit their essays to their teaching assistants for assessment.
- The teaching assistants will make their contact information and the time of their office hours available to the students in the tutorials. A master list will be posted on the Blackboard site by the end of the first week of classes.
- All further information regarding the requirements and expectations in the course will be released on the Blackboard site, if appropriate, or can be discussed with the teaching assistants or instructor, if necessary.
- Any supplementary documents regarding schedules and requirements, and posted on the Blackboard site, are to be regarded as an integral part of the course structure. Nevertheless, the basic course requirements as outlined below will not be altered.

#### COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Two Essays, assessed by Teaching Assistants, 20% each	40%
Participation in Tutorials, assessed by Teaching Assistants	10%
Short-answer mid-term test on Greek material (2 March)	25%
Final examination on Roman material (scheduled by Registrar)	<u>25%</u>
	100%

#### NOTES:

1. The **withdrawal deadline** for this course is April 15, 2011. The Instructor will inform the students of their grades currently earned in the course by four weeks before this deadline. **The last day to withdraw from this course with refund of fees is January 21, 2011.**
2. **Students should observe the regulations on student misconduct (plagiarism, cheating, etc.) which are printed in the 2010/11 University of Calgary Calendar (and available online as well).** If you need guidance about these issues, consult your instructor.
3. Students are expected to be available during the scheduled hours of the course. Employment considerations are not acceptable reasons for late submission of essays or failure to complete the midterm test or final examination. Acceptable reasons include, but are not necessarily limited to, illness or family distress.

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