

University of Calgary
Faculty of Arts
Department of Classics and Religion

Course Outline – Winter 2017

Course GRST 205 L01: Introduction to Greece and Rome
Time Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:00am-12:15pm
Instructor Colin Ash
Office Hours Tuesdays, 1:00pm-2:00pm & Thursdays 1:00pm-2:00pm or by appointment
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Required Text(s):

- 1) D. B. Nagle and S. M. Burstein (eds.) (2013), Readings in Greek History. Sources and Interpretations, 2nd edition (Oxford).
- 2) M. Gibbs, M. Nikolic and P. Ripat (eds.) (2013), Themes in Roman Society and Culture (Oxford).

Course Description: What caused the great struggle between the Greeks and the Persian Empire? How did democracy come about? What was the outcome of the wars between Rome and Carthage? What were the series of events that led to the assassination of Julius Caesar? These are just some of the questions that will be examined in this course. This course will approach each question thematically where the cultural, political, and economic impact of each historical event being explored will also be discussed. We will examine ancient literary works, objects and architecture created by the Ancient Greeks and Romans, more specifically, speeches, letters, poems, archaeological artefacts like tools, weapons, coins, and sites like houses, tombs, and temples.

Online elements for this course (if any): Additional resources will be posted on D2L. Please note that lecture notes and PowerPoints **will not** be posted on D2L. It is your responsibility to attend lectures and make notes.

Core Competencies: This course will introduce students to major events in Greek and Roman history and the key themes of those events and the larger history of the ancient Mediterranean. Through assigned readings, participation in lectures, and preparation for examinations, students will increase their understanding of the ancient Mediterranean.

Course Requirements:

Date	Assessment	Weight (%)	Required pass/fail
Thursday, 9 Feb. 2017	Midterm #1	30%	no
Tuesday, 21 Mar. 2017	Midterm #2	30%	no
(Registrar scheduled)	1 two-hour Final Exam	40%	no

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, standardized 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: Midterms must be written in class on the day scheduled. Alternative dates for midterms will be permitted only by prior arrangement with the instructor and only under exceptional circumstances, such as serious illness (you must provide a doctor's note or medical certificate) or death in the family. Deferred midterms will similarly be permitted only under exceptional circumstances. Head colds, needing more time to study, or having a rough week do not count!

The registrar-scheduled exam must be written on the date scheduled. In accordance with university policy, deferred examinations are permitted only in exceptional circumstances such as serious illness (only with official 'Physician/Counsellor Statement' form), religious observance, or domestic affliction (with written evidence). For further details see http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final.

Expectations for student conduct in this course: Students are expected to do the assigned reading for each class, and to participate in in-class activities and discussion. The lectures and textbooks complement, but do not replace, each other; you will be assessed on material from

both the lectures and the textbooks.

Electronic Device Policy: Devices used for note-taking are permitted. You are expected to show respect for your fellow students and your instructor by not wearing headphones, answering phone calls, playing music, or watching your own videos during class. Recording any part of any lecture or taking pictures of any slides in any form is prohibited. Only exceptional circumstances will be accommodated and must be approved by the instructor in writing and is for individual private study only.

Syllabus:

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

References and Bibliography:

The Department of Classics and Religion uses the most recent edition of the Chicago Manual of Style and requires references and bibliographies to adhere to the Chicago citation system. You can find a quick guide here: http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html. Alternatively please consult with the library staff for help and advice for using the Chicago citation style.

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, librarian staff or the Chicago manual of style.

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/.

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.

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. 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 Block.

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 for more information. The Students' Union Faculty of Arts representative can be reached at 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/emergency-cyplan/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.