

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

COURSE OUTLINE – WINTER 2015

Course GRST 417.02 L01: Romans & Persians in Late Antiquity
Time MWF 12:00 – 12:50
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Required Text:

Michael H. Dodgeon and Samuel N.C. Lieu, *The Roman Eastern Frontier and the Persian Wars AD 226-363*.

Course Description:

A study of the issues at Rome's border with Persia, from AD 226 – 363.

Core Competencies:

Students will learn the basic methodology of historical study and attempt to show their understanding in written work.

Course Requirements:

| Date | Assessment | Weight (%) | Required pass/fail |
|-------------|---------------------|------------|--------------------|
| 13 February | Essay 1 | 30 | No |
| 13 March | Essay 2 | 30 | No |
| 15 April | Final Paper | 30 | No |
| | Class participation | 10 | No |

Grading

Essays are assessed in terms of the quality indicated in the first column, then assigned a letter grade on that basis. The numerical value is the same for all examples of a particular letter grade (column 3), except very occasionally for some specific purpose. Because calculations will not always fall exactly on those numerical values, column 4 denotes the range of calculated values that will result in the grade specified in column 2. In principle, grades near the upper end of a range are not rounded up, since the bottom of the next range delineates the minimum value; in reality, however, grades may be rounded up if a good reason for doing so presents itself.

| Description | Letter grade | Assigned value | Calculated range |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| Excellent | A | 87 | 85 + |
| | A- | 82 | 80 – 84 |
| Good | B+ | 78 | 77 – 79 |
| | B | 74 | 73 – 76 |
| | B- | 71 | 70 – 72 |
| Satisfactory | C+ | 68 | 67 – 69 |
| | C | 64 | 63 – 66 |
| | C- | 61 | 60 - 62 |
| Unsatisfactory | D+ | 58 | 55 – 59 |
| | D | 53 | 50 - 54 |
| Fail | F | 0 – 49 | 0 - 49 |

N.B. All written assignments will be graded with regard to both form and content.

Policy with regard to missed assignments/assessments:

Students will be awarded a grade of F=0 for any assignment of assessment that is missed, unless prior permission has been granted by the instructor.

Electronic Device Policy:

Electronic devices are permitted during normal classroom session, but may not be used during midterms and examinations.

Syllabus:

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

References and Bibliography:

Students may use any style of reference and bibliography with which they are familiar, provided that they are consistent within a given piece of work.

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.

Academic Accommodation

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with Student Accessibility Services, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with Student Accessibility Services are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than **fourteen (14) days** after the start of the course.

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.

Gnosis

Gnosis is the Religious Studies Student Club. For membership or more information please email: gnosis@ucalgary.ca or visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~gnosis>.

Classics Student Society

Classics Student Society is the Greek and Roman Studies Student Club. For membership or more information please email: classsoc@ucalgary.ca or visit <http://grst.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/classics-students-society>.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Faculty of Arts Students' Centre (ASC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS102, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us 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 program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre at (403) 220-5881 or visit them on the 3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- 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.

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/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.