

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

**COURSE OUTLINE – WINTER 2016**

**Course** GRST 417.02-01: Romans & Persians in Late Antiquity  
**Time** MWF 14:00-14:50  
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**Required Text(s):**

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

**Online elements for this course:**

Additional sources materials will appear on D2L from time to time

**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
12 February	First Essay	30	No
11 March	Second Essay	30	No
--	Class Participation	10	No
Last day of class	Final Essay	30	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:**

Discuss with instructor

**Expectations for student conduct in this course:**

Behave like adults

**Electronic Device Policy:**

Use during lectures permitted; not permitted during midterms and exams

**Syllabus:**

A complete syllabus will be made available 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](http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html). Alternatively please consult with the library staff for help and advice 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, 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 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](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.