

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF GREEK & ROMAN STUDIES

COURSE OUTLINE

GRST 425-01: GREEKS, ROMANS AND OTHER CULTURES

WINTER 2014

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OFFICE HOURS: by appointment
TIME & PLACE OF CLASS: MWF 11:00 – 11:50 SS010

TEXTBOOKS:

- D.M. Mattingly, *An Imperial Possession: Britain in the Roman Empire*, 2007
- Ireland, S. *Roman Britain: a sourcebook*, 3rd edition, Routledge, 2008

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

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

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

3 written assignments (c. 2000 words each) on topics from lists provided by instructor (each worth 30% of the grade for the course); 90%
due 14 February; 14 March; 14 April

Class participation _____ 10%
100%

Essays must be submitted on or before due dates. Extensions are not available except in unusual circumstances; work commitments elsewhere (either academic or non-academic) or equipment failure (computers, printers, etc.) will not qualify. Essays submitted after deadlines without prior permission or essays submitted after the closing period of an agreed extension will not be read. The grade in such cases will be 0.

NOTES:

1. The **withdrawal deadline** for this course is 14 April 2014. 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 23 January 2014.**

2. **Students should observe the regulations on student misconduct (plagiarism, cheating, etc.) which are printed in the 2013/2014 University Calendar.** If you need guidance about these issues, consult your instructor

NUMERICAL GRADING SCHEME FOR COURSES BASED ON ESSAY WORK

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

Academic Accommodation

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. 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.

Blackboard Help

Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/computersupport/onlineservices/blackboard> for Student Help and FAQs about Blackboard. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are available at <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/blackboard/students>. Instructions for using the Digital Drop Box are available here:

http://library.blackboard.com/docs/r6/6_1/student/bbls_r6_1_student/digital_drop_box.htm

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 Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at artsads@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 <http://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 <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>. Please check this website and note 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.