

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

**COURSE OUTLINE – WINTER 2015**

**Course** GRST 601.18-S01: ANCIENT BIOGRAPHY  
**Time** W 13:00-16:00, Winspear Library  
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**Required Text(s):** Books will be put on hold in the library's reserve collections and articles and ebooks will be available online through the University website.

**Course Description:** This course will explore the origins and development of ancient Greek biography diachronically from a number of angles: the relation between biography and history; the relationship between fiction and biography; the development of autobiography; the influence of philosophical schools on the genre; the role of ethics; the ancient concept of character.

**Online elements for this course:** Some course readings will be available online.

**Core Competencies:** Students will work on the following skills: contextualisation of historic texts; critical appraisal of primary and secondary material; practical application of theories and concepts presented in course readings and lectures; and clear expression of ideas in both written assignments and oral presentations.

**Course Requirements:**

Date	Assessment	Weight (%)	
Every class	Participation	20%	
To be scheduled	Topical Presentation	30%	
April 1	Work-in-progress presentation and annotated bibliography for the research essay	10%	
April 27	Research Essay	40%	

*There will be no Registrar scheduled Final Exam for this course.*

**Grading**

A letter grade will be assigned to each component of the course according to the University's Graduate Studies Calendar 2014-2015:

A+	4.0	Outstanding
A	4.0	Excellent – superior performance showing comprehensive understanding of the subject matter
A-	3.7	Very good performance

B+	3.3	Good performance
B	3.0	Satisfactory performance Note: The grade point value (3.0) associated with this grade is the minimum acceptable average that a graduate student must maintain throughout the program as computed at the end of each registration anniversary year of the program.
B-	2.7	Minimum pass for students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies Note: A student who receives a B- or lower in two or more courses will be required to withdraw regardless of their grade point average unless the program recommends otherwise. Individual programs may require a higher minimum passing grade.
C+	2.3	All grades below B- are indicative of failure at the graduate level and cannot be counted toward Faculty of Graduate Studies course requirements. A student who receives a grade of F will normally be required to withdraw unless the program recommends otherwise.
C	2.0	
C-	1.7	
D+	1.3	
D	1.0	
F	0.0	

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

**Policy with regard to missed assignments/assessments:** All dates are firm. Without acceptable documentation (i.e. medical certificate, police report, bereavement notice, confirmation of religious observance, or court summons), missed assessments will be awarded as 'F'. This policy is intended to encourage diligence and integrity among students as well as to uphold principles of fairness and equality with respect to other students in the class.

**Expectations for student conduct in this course:** You are expected to show consideration and respect for your fellow-classmates and instructor, to come to class with course reading done so that you can participate fully in discussions,

**Electronic Device Policy:** Please show respect towards your classmates and instructor with regard to electronic devices by keeping your phone on silent during the class and using laptop computers (or other note-taking devices) only for the purposes of taking notes, following along with classroom demonstrations, or for other course-related purposes. Those who cause a distraction by using them for other purposes will have this privilege withdrawn. No electronic recording of lectures is allowed.

**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 this 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.

### **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.

### **Graduate Student Association Ombudsperson**

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.

### **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.