

HIST 231
Ancient Greece

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

History 231 “Ancient Greece” is designed to introduce the political and social history of Ancient Greece from the world of the Homeric poems to the coming of the Romans. Our chronological exploration will make use of a selection of works by Greek historians and other ancient writers as well as a general Greek history textbook. Discussion and lectures will focus on developments in Greek government, social structure, and economics, while touching on aspects of Greek culture.

REQUIRED TEXTS (in order of use)

N. Demand, *History of Ancient Greece*. (Sloan Publishing, 2006)
Homer, *Odyssey*. (Harper)
Herodotus, *The Histories*. (Penguin)
Thucydides, *History of the Peloponnesian War*. (Penguin)
Euripides, *Trojan Women*. In *Euripides III*, Grene and Lattimore, eds. (Chicago)

COURSE WEBSITE

www.cofc.edu/~phillips/HIST231.pdf

The syllabus is available on the web as well as on Web-CT. The Demand textbook contains “Source Analysis” readings and questions. These sections in Demand are not required. Instead, I have posted study questions for all primary source readings assigned on the syllabus. These study questions are available through links on the on-line syllabus, as well as a file on Web-CT. All members of the course are encouraged to print out copies of the questions and use them as a guide to the readings.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Papers. Two short papers will be assigned during the term. The first paper (of 2-3 pages), a careful reading and analysis of Homer’s *Odyssey* to investigate a historical question, is due in class on September 18. A second paper (of 7-8 pages), involving research and analysis will be due in class on December 4. All papers must be turned in at the start of class on the date indicated. I am happy to accept papers early. Late papers will drop one full letter grade for each 24-hour period they are late. Specific information about these assignments will be provided as the semester progresses.

Map Quiz. A short quiz will be given on September 30 to test your knowledge of basic Greek geography.

Examinations. There will be a midterm exam on October 9 and a final exam on December 13. Review guides will be distributed a week before the examinations.

Note: Make-up quizzes and exams will be given only for students who obtain an official excuse from the Office of the Associate Dean of Students. A missed test counts as a zero.

GRADE BREAKDOWN

Short Paper	Due Thursday, Sept. 18	10%
Map Quiz	Tuesday, Sept. 30	5%
Midterm Exam	Thursday, October 9	25%
Second Paper	Thursday, Dec. 4	25%
Final Exam	Saturday, Dec. 13, 8-11:00	35%

GRADING SCALE

100-93 A, 92-90 A-, 89-87 B+, 86-83 B, 82-80 B-,
79-77 C+, 76-73 C, 72-70 C-, 69-67 D+, 66-63 D, 62-60 D-, 59-0 F.

ATTENDANCE

This class covers more than one thousand years of history in just 28 sessions. If you miss a few classes, you could be missing one hundred years! Although the readings will complement the lectures, one is not a substitute for the other. Ideally, you should come to class each day with the assigned readings completed, ready to discuss the work and explore some topics in greater depth. If you have not completed the reading, come to class anyway. You are certain to learn something valuable (and you can catch up on the reading later). If you miss a day of class, you are nonetheless responsible for the material covered on that day. Roll will be taken at the start of class each day and late arrivals may count as absences. Each absence over four will lower your final course grade by one point, and more than eight absences may result in the grade WA. I look forward to seeing all of you in class each day.

HONOR CODE

All of us in this class are bound by the Honor System of the College of Charleston. I expect each person in this class to be an exemplary member of the college community and to contribute to a positive learning environment.

Classics Department Policy on Honor Code Violations

The College of Charleston's policy regarding Honor Code violations states the following:

The Honor Code specifically forbids lying, cheating, attempted cheating, stealing, attempted stealing and plagiarism. Students at the College are bound by honor and by their acceptance of admission to the College to abide by the Code and to report violations.

All faculty members at the College are required to abide by the College's Honor Code and to report any suspected violations to the Office of Student Affairs.

A student who is found by the Honor Board to have committed a Class 1 or Class 2 violation of the Honor Code in connection with any requirement for a course in the Classics Department will receive a final grade of "XF" for the course. Those admitting to or found by the Honor Board to have committed a Class 3 violation will receive sanctions as deemed appropriate by the instructor. These actions will be taken in addition to any other sanction that may be imposed by the College's Honor Board.

Revised version adopted by the Classics Department faculty, April 3, 2007

DAILY ASSIGNMENTS

Topics/themes for each day of class are listed. Reading assignments are printed in *italics* and should be complete before class on the date listed. Reading questions for all primary source assignments are posted on the web through links on the on-line syllabus (on WebCT and at www.cofc.edu/~phillips/HIST231.htm). Bring the primary source texts to class with you. Important events are in **bold**.

Tuesday, August 26	Why study Greek History?
Thursday, August 28	Environment, Pre-History, and Minoans <i>Demand, Introduction & Chapters 1-2</i>
Tuesday, September 2	Greece in the Bronze and “Dark” Ages <i>Demand, Chapters 3-4</i>
Thursday, September 4 ASSIGN SHORT PAPER	Homer and his Epic <i>Demand, pages 108-114</i> <i>Odyssey, Book I (pages 27-38)</i>
Tuesday, September 9	Wealth, Labor, and Social Structure <i>Odyssey, II-IV (pages 39-87)</i>
Thursday, September 11	Morals and Values <i>Odyssey, XVI-XIX (pages 240-297)</i>
Tuesday, September 16	Political Structure: Men and Women <i>Odyssey, XX-XXIV (pages 298-359)</i>
Thursday, September 18 SHORT PAPER DUE	City-States, Colonization, and Tyranny <i>Demand, Chapter 5</i>
Tuesday, September 23	Sparta <i>Demand, Chapter 6</i>
Thursday, September 25	Athens <i>Demand, Chapter 7</i>
Tuesday, September 30 MAP QUIZ	Hoplites and Warfare
Thursday, October 2	Ionia and the Rise of Persia <i>Demand, Chapter 8</i> <i>Herodotus, Book 1.1-94 = pages 3-45</i>
Tuesday, Oct. 7	The Ionian Revolt & Battle of Marathon <i>Demand, pages 196-200</i> <i>Herodotus, Book 5.28-38 = pages 320-325</i>

Thursday, Oct. 9	MIDTERM EXAM
Tuesday, Oct. 14	FALL BREAK
Thursday, Oct. 16	Persian Preparations for Revenge <i>Demand, pages 200-203</i> <u>Herodotus, Book 7.1-60, 138-239 = pages 413-439, 460-500</u>
Tuesday, Oct. 21	Thermopylae, Salamis, Plataea <i>Demand, pages 203-212</i> <u>Herodotus, Book 8 = pages 501-553</u>
Thursday, Oct. 23	The Creation of the Athenian Empire <i>Demand, Chapter 10</i> <u>Thucydides, "The Pentacontaetia" Book 1.89-117 = pages 87-103</u>
Tuesday, Oct. 28 ASSIGN PAPER 2	Status and Gender in the Greek World <i>Demand, Chapter 11</i>
Thursday, Oct. 30	The Greeks Go to War <i>Demand, 259-273</i> <u>Thucydides, Book 1.1-88 = pages 35-87</u>
Tuesday, November 4 (Participate in a Democracy Today!)	The First Year of War <u>Thucydides, Book 2.1-65 = pages 124-164</u>
Thursday, Nov. 6	The Melian Dialog and Plans for the Sicilian Expedition <u>Thucydides, Book 5.84-116, Book 6.1-32 = pages 400-429</u>
Tuesday, Nov. 11	War in the Theater <u>Euripides, Trojan Women</u>
Thursday, Nov. 13	War in Sicily <i>Demand, pages 273-276</i> <u>Thucydides, Book 6.33-52, Book 7.31-87 = pages 430-442, 496-537</u>
Tuesday, Nov. 18	The End of the War <i>Demand, pages 277-284</i>
Thursday, Nov. 20	4 th Century <i>Demand, pages 285-299</i>

Tuesday, Nov. 25	Philip II of Macedon <i>Demand, pages 299-307</i>
Thursday, Nov. 27	THANKSGIVING BREAK
Tuesday, December 2	Alexander the Great <i>Demand, Chapter 14</i>
Thursday, Dec. 4 LAST CLASS SECOND PAPER DUE	Hellenistic Greece and Rome <i>Demand, Chapter 15</i>

FINAL EXAM: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 8:00-11:00 A.M.

* NOTE: The above list of assignments and requirements is subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.