

The University of Texas at Tyler  
Fall Semester 2022  
HIST 3382 – Mediterranean Civilization  
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### **Course Overview and Course Objectives:**

This course is an upper-level survey of Greek and Roman history during ancient times. We will explore the political, social and cultural history of the Classical Mediterranean World, gaining an understanding of the Greco-Roman outlook and its influence on the Western tradition.

### **Course Requirements:**

The course will consist of lectures and discussions; regular attendance and participation in class are essential. There will be a midterm exam, a final exam, and a term paper. Each of these is worth 1/3 of your final grade. The exams will consist of paragraph-long IDs (a choice of 5 out of 10 terms) and a longer essay. The paper will be an analysis of either of the two books by Plutarch, one of the great writers of classical antiquity.

### **Grading Policy:**

Each of the three assignments is worth 100 points for a total of 300 points. Grading scale is

A=270-300

B=240-269

C=210-239

D=180-209

F=0-179

Make up exams will not be given nor will late papers be accepted; the only exceptions being officially documented medical or family emergencies. Plagiarism of any sort will not be tolerated and will result in an F for the course.

**Final Withdrawal Date: Monday, Nov. 14**

### **Required Books:**

Price & Thonemann, *The Birth of Classical Europe*

Plutarch, *The Rise and Fall of Athens*

Plutarch, *The Fall of the Roman Republic*

## **Calendar of Meetings and Assignments (dates subject to change with advance notice)**

Week 1: Aug. 23 and 25

Introduction and the Geography of the Mediterranean World

Week 2: Aug. 29 and 31

The Homeric World: Minoan and Mycenaean Civilization

Reading: Price, chapter 1 and Plutarch, Life of Theseus

Week 3: Sept. 6 and 8

The Foundations of Greek Civilization and the Wars with Persia

Reading: Price, chapter 2 and Plutarch, Lives of Solon and Themistocles

Week 4: Sept. 13 and 15

The Golden Age of Athens

Reading: Price, chapter 3 and Plutarch, Lives of Aristides and Cimon

Week 5: Sept. 20 and 22

The Peloponnesian War

Reading: Price, chapter 4 and Plutarch, Lives of Pericles, Nicias and Alcibiades

Week 6: Sept. 27 and 29

Alexander the Great

Reading: Price, chapter 5

Week 7: Oct. 4 and 6

The Diadochi and the Hellenistic World

Week 8: Oct. 11 and 13

**Midterm Thursday, October 13**

Week 9: Oct. 18 and 20

The Early History of Rome

Reading: Price, chapter 6

Week 10: Oct. 25 and 27

Rome's Conquests and Crisis

Reading: Price, chapter 7 and Plutarch, Lives of Marius and Sulla

Week 11: Nov. 1 and 3

The Decline and Fall of the Roman Republic

Reading: Plutarch, Lives of Crassus and Pompey

Week 12: Nov. 8 and 10  
The Dictatorship of Julius Caesar  
Reading: Plutarch, Lives of Caesar and Cicero

Week 13: Nov. 15 and 17  
Augustus and the Principate  
Reading: Price, chapter 8

Week 14: Nov. 22 and 24  
**No Meetings – Thanksgiving Break**

Week 15: Nov. 29 and Dec. 1  
The Roman Empire  
Reading: Price, chapter 9  
**Term Paper Tuesday, Nov. 29**

Week 16: Dec. 6 and 8  
**No Meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 6**  
**Final Exam, Thursday, Dec. 8 from 12:30 to 2:30**

### **Additional Syllabus Information**

#### **Covid Statement:**

*It is important to take the necessary precautions to ensure a healthy and successful year. UT Tyler continues to urge you to protect yourselves against the flu, COVID and any new threats that may be developing. Be diligent about preventive measures such as washing hands, covering sneezes/coughs, social distancing and vaccinations, which have proven to be successful in slowing the spread of viruses. Encourage those who don't feel well to stay home, and if they show symptoms, ask them to get tested for the flu or COVID. Self-isolation is important to reduce exposure ([CDC quarantine/isolation guidelines](#)). Please work with your faculty members to maintain coursework and please consult [existing campus resources](#) for support.*

#### **Additional University Policies:**

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<http://www.uttyler.edu/academicaffairs/files/syllabuspolicy.pdf>