

The University of Texas at Tyler
Fall Semester 2016
HIST 3382 – Mediterranean Civilization
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Overview and Student Learning Outcome: This is an upper level survey of Greek and Roman history during ancient times. We will examine 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 a midterm exam, a final exam and a term paper. Each will be worth 1/3 of your final grade. Exams will consist of a choice of terms (5 out of 10) and essays (1 of 2). 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 assignment is worth 100 points for a total of 300. The grading scales is A=270-300, B=240-269, C=210-239, D=180-209. Make-up exams will not be given nor will late papers be accepted, the only exception being officially documented family or medical emergencies.

Required Books:

Price and Thonemann, *The Birth of Classical Europe*
Plutarch, *The Rise and Fall of Athens*
Plutarch, *The Fall of the Roman Republic*

Topics and Assignments;

Week 1 (Aug. 29 and 31)

Introduction

Week 2 (Sept. 6 and 8)

The Ancient Mediterranean World

Reading: Price, ch. 1; Plutarch, Life of Theseus

Week 3 (Sept. 13 and 15)

Foundations of Greek Civilization

Reading: Price, ch. 2; Plutarch, Lives of Solon and Themistocles

Week 4 (Sept. 20 and 22)

Classical Greece

Reading: Price, ch. 3; Plutarch, Lives of Aristides and Cimon

Week 5 (Sept. 27 and 29)

The War of Athens and Sparta

Reading: Price, ch. 4; Plutarch, Lives of Pericles, Nicias, Alcibiades

Week 6 (Oct. 4 and 6)

Alexander the Great

Reading: Price, ch. 5; Plutarch, Life of Lysander

Week 7 (Oct. 11 and 13)

The Hellenistic World

Reading; none

Week 8 (Oct. 18 and 20)

Midterm Exam

Week 9 (Oct. 25 and 27)

The Rise of Rome

Reading: Price, ch. 6

Week 10 (Nov. 1 and 3)

Rome's Conquests and Crisis

Reading: Price, ch. 7; Plutarch, Lives of Marius and Sulla

Week 11 (Nov. 8 and 10)

The Fall of the Roman Republic

Reading: Plutarch, Lives of Crassus and Pompey

Week 12 (Nov. 15 and 17)

Augustus and the Principate

Reading: Plutarch, Lives of Caesar and Cicero

Week 13 (Nov. 22 and 24)

No Meetings – Thanksgiving Week

Week 14 (Nov. 29 and Dec. 1)

The Pax Romana

Reading: Price, ch. 8

Week 15 (Dec. 6 and 8)

Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire

Reading: Price, ch. 9

Term Paper Due, Mon. Dec. 6

Week 16 (Dec. 13 and 15)

Final Exam, Thurs. 12/15 from 12.30 to 2.30

All dates subject to change with prior notification.