

The University of Texas at Tyler
Fall Semester 2020
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. 2

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. 24 and 26

Introduction and the Geography of the Mediterranean World

Week 2: Aug. 31 and Sept. 3

The Homeric World: Minoan and Mycenaean Civilization

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

Week 3: Sept. 9

The Foundations of Greek Civilization and the Wars with Persia

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

Week 4: Sept. 14 and 16

The Golden Age of Athens

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

Week 5: Sept. 21 and 23

The Peloponnesian War

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

Week 6: Sept. 28 and 30

Alexander the Great

Reading: Price, chapter 5

Week 7: Oct. 5 and 7

The Diadochi

Week 8: Oct. 12

The Hellenistic World

Midterm Exam due Friday, October 16

Week 9: Oct. 19 and 21

The Early History of Rome

Reading: Price, chapter 6

Week 10: Oct. 26 and 28

Rome's Conquests and Crisis

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

Week 11: Nov. 2 and 4

The Decline and Fall of the Roman Republic

Reading: Plutarch, Lives of Crassus and Pompey

Week 12: Nov. 9 and 11
Julius Caesar
Reading: Plutarch, Lives of Caesar and Cicero

Week 13: Nov. 16 and 18
Augustus

Week 14: Nov. 23-27
No Meetings – Thanksgiving Break

Week 15: Nov. 30 – Dec. 4
No meetings
Term Paper due Monday, Nov. 30

Week 16: Dec. 7-11
Final Exam due Friday, Dec. 11

Additional Syllabus Information

Important Covid-19 Information for Classrooms and Laboratories

Students are required to wear face masks covering their nose and mouth, and follow social distancing guidelines, at all times in public settings (including classrooms and laboratories), as specified by [Procedures for Fall 2020 Return to Normal Operations](#). The UT Tyler community of Patriots views adoption of these practices consistent with its [Honor Code](#) and a sign of good citizenship and respectful care of fellow classmates, faculty, and staff.

Students who are feeling ill or experiencing symptoms such as sneezing, coughing, or a higher than normal temperature will be excused from class and should stay at home and may join the class remotely. Students who have difficulty adhering to the Covid-19 safety policies for health reasons are also encouraged to join the class remotely. Students needing additional accommodations may contact the Office of Student Accessibility and Resources at University Center 3150, or call (903) 566-7079 or email saroffice@uttyler.edu.

Recording of Class Sessions

Class sessions may be recorded by the instructor for use by students enrolled in this course. Recordings that contain personally identifiable information or other information subject to FERPA shall not be shared with individuals not enrolled in this course unless appropriate consent is obtained from all relevant students. Class recordings are reserved only for the use of students enrolled in the course and only for educational purposes. Course recordings should not be shared outside of the course in any form without express permission.

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