

The University of Texas at Tyler
Fall Semester 2014
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, *Greek Lives*
Plutarch, *The Fall of the Roman Republic*

Topics and Assignments;

Week 1 (Aug. 25-29)

Introduction

Week 2 (Sept. 1-5)

The Ancient Mediterranean World

Reading: Price, ch. 1

Week 3 (Sept. 8-12)

Foundations of Greek Civilization

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

Week 4 (Sept. 15-19)

Classical Greece

Reading: Price, ch. 3; Plutarch, *Themistocles and Cimon*

Week 5 (Sept. 22-26)

The War of Athens and Sparta

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

Week 6 (Sept. 29-Oct. 3)

Alexander the Great

Reading: Price, ch. 5; Plutarch, Alexander

Week 7 (Oct. 6-10)

The Hellenistic World

Reading; none

Week 8 (Oct. 13-17)

Midterm Exam in two parts, Wed. 10/15 and Fri. 10/17

Week 9 (Oct. 20-24)

The Rise of Rome

Reading: Price, ch. 6

Week 10 (Oct. 27-31)

Rome's Conquests and Crisis

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

Week 11 (Nov. 3-7)

The Fall of the Roman Republic

Reading: Plutarch, Crassus and Pompey

Week 12 (Nov. 10-14)

Augustus and the Principate

Reading: Plutarch, Caesar and Cicero

Week 13 (Nov. 17-21)

The Pax Romana

Reading: Price, ch. 8

Week 14 (Nov. 24-28)

No meetings – Thanksgiving Holiday

Week 15 (Dec. 1-5)

Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire

Reading: Price, ch. 9

Term Paper Due, Mon. Dec. 1

Week 16 (Dec. 8-12)

Final Exam, Wed. Dec. 10, 12:30-2:30

All dates subject to change with prior notification.