

The University of Texas at Tyler
Fall Semester 2015
HIST 5397 – Ancient Greece and Rome
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Office Hours: M, W, F 1:30-3:30 pm (BUS 205A)

Course Overview and Student Learning Outcomes:

This course is an examination of the contemporary secondary literature on Greek and Roman civilization. Our focus this semester will include cultural, political and social history. Students should gain a refined understanding of these topics along with the historiography related to them. In addition to introducing some of the current scholarly work on this topic, the course is also intended to sharpen students' reading, writing and analytical skills. A basic knowledge of the period is assumed. For review of the chronology and main issues, you may wish to consult a good textbook, such as Mathisen's *Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations*.

Course Requirements and Grading Policy:

Your grade will be based on written reviews of each of the books we are reading, along with attendance and participation. Papers should analyze the author's thesis, sources, methodology and perspective. They should be roughly 4-6 pages in length. Late papers will not be accepted.

Six written book reviews = 60% of course grade
Comprehensive essay = 30% of course grade
Attendance and participation = 10% of course grade

The comprehensive essay (10-15 pages) must include coverage of all eight of our books and should highlight and assess what you see as the major themes of our reading.

Final Withdrawal Date: October 26

Required Books:

Fox, *Traveling Heroes in the Epic Age of Homer*
Forrest, *A History of Sparta*
Hale, *Lords of the Sea*
Kosmin, *The Land of the Elephant Kings*
Shotter, *The Fall of the Roman Republic*
Galinsky, *Augustus*
Starr, *The Roman Empire: a Study in Survival*
Cameron, *The Later Roman Empire*

Calendar of Meetings and Assignments

August 27 – Introduction

September 3 – No meeting

September 10 – Discussion of Fox

September 17 – Discussion of Forrest (review due)

September 24 – No meeting

October 1 – Discussion of Hale (review due)

October 8 – No meeting

October 15 – Discussion of Kosmin (review due)

October 22 – Discussion of Shotter

October 29 – Discussion of JSTOR articles on late Republican/Augustan Rome

November 5 – Discussion of Galinsky (review due)

November 12 – No meeting

November 19 - Discussion of Starr (review due)

November 26 – No meeting - Thanksgiving

December 3 – Discussion of Cameron (review due)

December 10 - Comprehensive Essays due

All of the above dates are subject to change with the advance notification of the instructor.