COURSE NO. | COURSE TITLE | INSTRUCTOR
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303 | History of Greek Civilization | Sacks

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course will deal with the history of Ancient Greece from c.800 B.C. to c.350 B.C. During this period, the Greeks developed for Western man the concepts of democracy and philosophy, as well as individual character and the freedom of social choice. Their advances in art and literature also proved to be the fundamental building blocks in these disciplines.

We shall attempt to appreciate the significance of these achievements through the extensive readings of the records which they have left for us—histories, plays, and philosophical tracts—and through the use of slides to illuminate the art and architecture. The course, set within a framework of the political and military events, will stress the development of civilization and society, including lectures on: psychological, religious, and economic change, and the roles of women, slaves, children, education, and homosexuality. No background in Greek History is necessary.

**LECTURES**

3/week and a discussion section

**WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS**

6 week, 12 week, and final examination. Honors students and 4-unit non-honors students will also write papers.

**GRADING SYSTEM**

Most probable arrangement: all exams (including the final) and any required paper all to be weighed equally.

**REQUIRED READINGS**

Hesiod, *Theogony*
Greek Lyric
Herodotus, *The Persian Wars*
Aeschylus, *The Suppliant Women*
Aristophanes, *The Clouds*
Aristophanes, *The Congresswomen*
Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War*
Plato, *The Trial and Death of Socrates*
Aristotle, *The Constitution of Athens*
Plutarch, *The Rise and Fall of Athens*