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LECTURES

2/week. Some lectures will last 1:15, others 1:40. For those lasting only 1:15, the rest of the period will be taken up with discussion.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

Midterm and final. Four-credit students will do projects or write papers. Honors credits granted only under exceptional circumstances.

GRADING SYSTEM

A-F

REQUIRED READINGS

Plutarch, THE AGE OF ALEXANDER
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Menander, THE DYSKOLOS
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OFFICE HOURS: Mondays 11:00-11:45 and Wednesdays 2:00-2:45, and by appointment. 
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Unless otherwise noted, each topic will be the subject of a single lecture. Under each are the readings due for that class. An asterisk (*) signifies that the book is on reserve at H.C. White Library.

Jan. 25: The Geography of Greece
No readings.

Jan. 30: Historical Introduction
Thucydides, I
Bury, 215-244

Feb. 1: The Great Peloponnesian War
Stage One: Archidamian War
Thucydides II, III, IV

Feb. 6: Final Stages: Folly and Disaster, 415-403
Thucydides VI, VII 42 to end of VII
Bury, 305-322

Feb. 8: Social Changes during the Peloponnesian War
*Austin, 94-111, 144-155, 265-267
Thucydides VI 16
Plutarch, CIMON 10, 17

Bury, 351-356

Feb. 15: Women in Classical Greece
Aristophanes, THE CONGRESSWOMEN
*Austin, 178-186

Feb. 20: Athletics and Homosexuality
Thucydides VI 16 and 54-59

Feb. 22: Trial of Socrates
and 27: Aristophanes, THE CLOUDS
Plato, THE APOLOGY
Bury, 356-360

Feb. 29: Socrates and Immortality
Plato, THE PHAEDO

Mar. 5: EXAM

Mar. 7: The Empires of Sparta and Thebes
*Plutarch, LYSANDER, 16-30
* AGESILAUS
* PELOPIDAS
Bury, 323-350, 366-384

Mar. 12: Sicily
*Plutarch, TIMOLEON
Thucydides, I cc. 1-6
Bury, 385-413
Mar. 14:  Rise of Philip II of Macedon  
*Demosthenes, DE CORONA (ON THE CROWN), in vol. 2 of Leob Series  
Bury, 414-420

Mar. 26:  Demosthenes and the victory of Philip  
Plutarch, DEMOSTHENES  
Bury, 420-444

Mar. 28, Apr. 2, 4, and 9:  Alexander the Great  
Plutarch, ALEXANDER  
To be read by Apr. 9  
Arrian, ANABASIS  
Bury, 445-500

Apr. 11:  The Successors to Alexander  
Plutarch, DEMETRIUS  
Walbank, 46-59

Apr. 16:  EXAM

Apr. 18 and 23:  The Three Kingdoms  
Walbank, 60-140

Apr. 25:  Hellenistic Society  
Walbank, 159-175

Apr. 30:  Hellenistic Religion and Philosophy  
Walbank, 209-221

May 2:  Hellenistic Art  
No readings

May 7:  Greek Rule of Judea  
*II Maccabees, entire (in the same volume as above)

May 9:  Roman Involvement: The End of Greek Freedom  
Plutarch, PYRRHUS  
Walbank, 227-251