Course Description:

This course will survey the rise of Macedonia under Philip II, the conquests of his son, Alexander III, and the spread of Greek culture throughout Alexander's empire. In this respect, Alexander loosed on mankind a force which would in time give rise to new political institutions, social customs, and modes of addressing philosophical and religious issues. The issues we shall address concern the composite Hellenistic Civilization, or imitations of it, which fused together the destinies of the Greek world, the Near East, Central Asia and India.

Lectures:

There will be three lectures each week, with an additional hour of discussion (if the size of the course warrants the presence of a teaching assistant).

Written Assignments and Examinations:

6 week, 12 week and final exam; for 4 credits, a short paper (8-10 pages); for 3 credit Honors students, a short paper (10-15 pages); and for 4 credit Honors students, a short paper (15-20 pages). The deadline for selecting term paper topics is the Friday of the seventh week of the term.

Exams: Will be essay-style. They will require an understanding of the fundamental questions, supported by evidence found in the readings and lectures.

Grading:

3 credits: approximately 25% for the 6 and 12 week exams; 10% for participation in discussion sections, 40% for the final exam.

4 credits: approximately 20% for the 6 and 12 week exams and the paper, 10% for participation in discussion sections, and 30% for the final exam.
Books to be Purchased:

Arrian, The Campaigns of Alexander
F.L. Holt, Alexander the Great and Bactria
The Impact of Alexander the Great, ed. by Eugene N. Borza
Plutarch, The Age of Alexander
F.W. Walbank, The Hellenistic World

Reader: available at Kinko's Copies, 620 University Avenue.
Request Packet #139.

Books Recommended to be Purchased:

Quintus Curtius Rufus, The History of Alexander
A.K. Narain, The Indo-Greeks

A Note on the Readings:

All readings, required or recommended, are available on 3 Hour reserve at H.C. White Library.

Abbreviations:

(B): The Impact of Alexander the Great.
(R): Reader.
(*): Materials not available in the Bookstore, but only on reserve at H.C. White.
Unless otherwise noted, each topic or subtopic will be the subject of a single lecture. Under each one are the readings for that meeting. All readings, required or recommended, are available on reserve at H.C. White Library.

I. The Setting

Jan. 25: An Overview of Alexander's Campaign
No readings.

Jan. 27: The Greek and Persian Worlds in the fourth century down to Philip
No readings.

Jan. 30 & Feb. 1: The Rise of Philip of Macedon and His Conquest of Greece

Plutarch, Demosthenes.

II. Alexander's Conquests.

Required Readings:
Arrian, The Campaigns of Alexander, entire.
Plutarch, Alexander.

Recommended Readings:
Quintus Curtius Rufus, History of Alexander, entire.
(*) Diodorus Siculus, XVII.

Feb. 3: From Accession to the Crossing of the Hellespont

(B) E. Badian, "The Struggle for Personal Independence", pp.102-112.
(B) Ramon I. Harris, "The Search for Identity", pp.113-122.
Recommended Reading: (B) V. Ehrenberg, "Pothos", pp.95-101.
Feb. 6: Asia Minor, Egypt, Gaugamela

Recommended Reading: (B) A.R. Burn, "The Middle East", pp.45-50.

Feb. 8 & 10: Babylon, The Hindu Kush, Bactria and Sogdiana

(B) Mortimer Wheeler, "Central Asia", pp.51-56.
Recommended Reading: F.L. Holt, pp.11-51.

Feb. 13: Three Tragedies


Feb. 15: The Rocks to the Hydaspes

Feb. 17: From the Indus and the Mallian Campaign to Opis

(B) A.K. Narain, "India", pp.57-65.

Feb. 20: The Last Year: June 324 to June 323 B.C.

(B) D.G. Hogarth, "Gaining Immortality", pp.129-132.
(B) A.R. Burn, "No Permanent Impression", pp.143-148.

Feb. 22: Alexander's Last Plans

Recommended Reading: (B) Arnold Toynbee, "If Alexander the Great Had Lived On", pp.163-179.
Feb. 24: The Unity of Mankind: Fact or Fiction ... ?

(B) E. Badian, "No Evidence for the Dream", pp.86-92.

Feb. 27: EXAM
A Brief Chronology


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329-8 Alexander winters in the Cabul region. Foundation of Alexandria under Caucasus.

328 Alexander comes to the Hindu Kush; conquers Bactria and Sogdiana. Foundation of Alexandria Eschate.

328-7 Alexander winters at Zariaspa.


327-6 Winter campaigns in the Kunar, Chitral, and Swat regions.


324-3 Subjugation of the Cossaeans.


323-2 Siege of Lamia.

THE END OF GRAECO-MACEDONIAN LEADERSHIP IN THE EAST

Introduction: the nomadic way of life

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The political demise of eastern Hellenism: the nomadic participants

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Iranians: Sarmatians -- Parthians -- Saka (Oxus Treasure)

Yüeh-chih (pronounced 'you-WAY-jer'): Tocharians

the people(s) of Pazyryk in the Altai Mountains

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Hsiung-nu (Huns?)

Hellenism in the vortex of Asia: the Greeks of Bactria

Begram

Ai Khanum (Eukratideia?) on the Oxus River

The Greek kings of Bactria: e.g. Eucratides I (171-155 B.C.)

The cause of upheaval: imperial China

Ch'in Dynasty 221-207 B.C.

the Great Wall

Western (Former) Han Dynasty 202 B.C. - A.D. 9

Some results

the agonies of the Greek dynasts of Bactria

Menander (155-130 B.C.)

the agonies of the Parthians

Phraates III (70-57 B.C.)