

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester II Year 1976-77

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
304	History of Greek Civilization	Sacks

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course, a chronological continuation of History 303, the main themes will be: (i) the struggle between Athens and Sparta for control of the Greek world; (ii) subsequent Greek attempts and failures to achieve a united front against foreign threat; (iii) the life and times of Alexander the Great; and (iv) Alexander's legacy: the spread of Greek culture and how it fared against the growing menace of Rome. In approaching these themes, major emphasis will be on the political and military events, and most of the readings will be from the historians who actually witnessed the happenings. The cultural aspects, however, are not to be neglected: readings will include Greek plays (comedy and tragedy), and slides will be shown to highlight Greek art.

LECTURES

Three lectures plus one discussion section each week.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

6 and 12 weeks exam and final; for 4 credits and honors, a short paper.

GRADING SYSTEM

3 credits: 25% exam, and 50% for final
4 credits: 20% exam and paper, and 40% for final

REQUIRED READINGS

Thucydides, The Peloponnesian War
Aeschylus, The Eumenides
Aristotle, Constitution of Athens
Plutarch, Rise and Fall of Athens
Aristophanes, The Congresswomen
Plutarch, The Age of Alexander (if in print)