

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History
Semester II, 1989/90

History 304

Mr. Sacks

A History of Greek Civilization II

The main themes of this course are: (i) the decline of Athens as the center of Classical Civilization; (ii) the rise of Macedonia; (iii) the conquests of Alexander the Great; (iv) Greek culture, especially in the world created by Alexander's accomplishments.

Lectures: 2/week and one discussion section

Exams: 6 week, 12 week, and final exams; they will be essay style. Emphasis on the course will be on understanding what ancient writers tell us about their history and culture. The course requires a careful reading of the texts, and this approach will be stressed in the examinations.

Papers: Four-credit students must write a paper or do some other project. You must have a topic or subject approved by the T.A. of the instructor by March 13. If you cannot think of a topic, it is suggested that you compare and contrast the works of two ancient authors read in this course. Discuss the periods in which they wrote, the literary forms and themes which they adopted and how they reflected and influenced their particular societies. All papers and projects are due May 1.

Very Important: If you register for 4 credits, you MUST do the required written work. If, after having signed up for the fourth credit, you decide that you don't want to complete the written work, you MUST formally drop the credit with the Registrar by the ninth week. Otherwise, you must be held responsible for that credit's work.

Grading: 3-credit students: 10% participation in sections; 25% for both 6 and 12 week exams; 40% for final. Strong consideration will be given for improvement.

4-credit students: 10% participation in sections; 20% for 6 and 12 week exams and for the paper; 30% for the final. Strong coonsideration will be given for improvement.

Books to be purchased

Aristophanes, The Complete Plays of Aristophanes
Arrian, The Campaigns of Alexander
Menander, The Dyskolos
Plato, The Last Days of Socrates
Plutarch, The Age of Alexander
Plutarch, The Rise and Fall of Athens
Thucydides, The Peloponnesian War
F. W. Walbank, The Hellenistic World
Reader for 304: available at Kinkos's

Lectures

- Jan. 23: Introduction and Geographical Background
The Greek World to 432
Thucydides I, Chapters 1-23, 89-117
- Jan. 30: The Peloponnesian War: Archidamus' War, 431-421
Thucydides IV 1-41; V 1-24

Folly and Disaster, 415-403:
Thucydides VI 1-32; VII 42-87
Plutarch, Alcibiades, 24-39
Plutarch, Lysander, 1-15
- Feb. 6: Social Changes during the Peloponnesian War
Thucydides VI 16
Plutarch, Cimon, 10, 17

The Welfare State
Aristophanes, The Congresswomen
Reader, 1-17
- Feb. 13: Trial of Socrates
Aristophanes, The Clouds
Plato, The Apology

Platonic Philosophy:
Plato, The Phaedo
- Feb. 20: Short-lived Empires: Sparta and Thebes
Plutarch, Lysander 16-30
Reader, 18-32

Rise of Philip II of Macedon:
Plutarch, Demosthenes 3-16
Reader, 33-37
- Feb. 27: The Victory of Philip
Plutarch, Demosthenes 17-22
Reader, 38-46

Alexander: The Early Years
Begin reading Plutarch, Alexander
- Mar. 6: EXAMINATION on all but Alexander
- Mar. 13: Alexander the Great
& Mar. 27: Plutarch, Alexander
Plutarch, Demosthenes 23-31
Arrian, Anabasis
Walbank, 29-45
- Apr. 3: The Successors of Alexander
Plutarch, Demetrius
Walbank, 46-59

The Three Kingdoms:
Walbank, 60-140

Apr. 10: Hellenistic Society
Menander, The Dyskolos
Walbank, 159-175

Hellenistic Philosophy and Religion
Walbank, 176-197, 209-221
Reader, 104-113

Apr. 17: Athletes and Athletic Festivals
Thucydides vi 16
Reader, 70-96

Homosexuality:
Thucydides vi 54-59
Plutarch, Solon 1
Plutarch, Pelopidas 18-19
Reader, 97-103

April 24: EXAMINATION of all materials from Alexander,
beginning on Feb. 27, through April 17

May 1: Judaism and Hellenism
Walbank, 221-226
Reader, 114-144

May 8: The Coming of Rome
Walbank, 227-251
Reader, 145-152

May 15, 7:25 p.m.: FINAL EXAM
There will be no alternative test date