

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester II Year 1983/4

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

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a chronological continuation of History 303; History 303, however, is not a prerequisite and no previous knowledge of Greek History is required. The main themes of the course will be: (i) the struggle between Athens and Sparta for control of the Greek world; (ii) the cultural achievements of Athens in the late classical period; (iii) the life and times of Alexander the Great; and (iv) Alexander's legacy: the spread of Greek culture and its accommodation to the growing menace of Rome. There will be special lectures on: Greek comedy, women, athletes, homosexuality, Socratic and Platonic philosophy, mystery religions, and the Jews. In approaching these themes, our readings will be drawn from the historians and other writers who actually witnessed the events. Slides will be shown to highlight Greek art.

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
_____, THE RISE AND FALL OF ATHENS
Arrian, THE CAMPAIGNS OF ALEXANDER
Thucydides, THE PELOPONNESIAN WAR
Aristophanes, THE COMPLETE PLAYS OF ARISTOPHANES
Menander, THE DYSKOLOS
Plato, THE LAST DAYS OF SOCRATES
F.W. Walbank, THE HELLENISTIC WORLD
J.B. Bury & R. Meiggs, A HISTORY OF GREECE

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Books to be Purchased:

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OFFICE HOURS: Mondays 11:00-11:45 and Wednesdays 2:00-2:45, and by appointment.
OFFICE: 4117 Humanities Bldg.; phone: 263-2528

Lectures

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
- Feb. 13: The Welfare State in Athens
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, Alexander the Great
Apr. 2, 4, Plutarch, ALEXANDER
and 9: Arrian, ANABASIS
To be read Bury, 445-500
by Apr. 9
- Apr. 11: The Successors to Alexander
Plutarch, DEMETRIUS
Walbank, 46-59
- Apr. 16: EXAM
- Apr. 18 The Three Kingdoms
and 23: 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
*I Maccabees 1-9:22 (= The Old Testament of the Jerusalem Bible,
vol. II, pp. 494-525.
*II Maccabees, entire (in the same volume as above)
- May 9: Roman Involvement: The End of Greek Freedom
Plutarch, PYRRHUS
Walbank, 227-251