

HIEU 101 – Ancient Greece COURSE SYLLABUS

The present course is a survey of the social, political, and cultural history of the ancient Greek world, from the earliest cultures in prehistoric times to just after the death of Alexander the Great (300 B.C.E.). Students will learn to interpret primary sources and to conduct independent critical assessment of documents and ideas.

Lecture Times: MWF 12:00-12:50

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Office Hours: Monday 9:30-10:30 (HSS 6051) and Wednesday 1:00-1:50 (Center Hall ground floor)
or by appointment

Texts:

D. W. Tandy and W. C. Neale, *Hesiod's Works and Days* (University of California Press, 1996);
Aeschylus, *Persians* (J. Lembke et al., trans.; Oxford University Press, 1991);
Aristophanes, *The Acharnians* (S. H. Landes, trans.; Players Press, 1998);
Plato, *Euthyphro, Apology, Crito* (F. J. Church, trans.; Prentice Hall, 1956);
Menander, *Plays and Fragments* (N. Miller, trans.; Penguin, 1988);
HIEU 101: Course Reader.

Course Requirements: The formal requirements of the course include completion of assigned reading, regular attendance at class-meetings, three written exercises in source analysis, and a final examination.

Source Analysis: An integral component of the course involves three exercises in source analysis. The product of each exercise will be a short paper of three pages. The first is due on April 18th, the second on May 9th, and the third on June 1st. Each assignment prompt will be distributed approximately two weeks before the due date.

Final Examination: The final exam will be comprehensive and have four parts. The first will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions pertaining to things learned in the course, each worth one point. The second, worth 40 points, will contain selections from readings assigned for this course. Students will be asked to write essays on the significance of these passages. The third and fourth parts, worth 5 points each, will be matching exercises to test your familiarity with the chronology and geography of ancient Greece.

Grades: Assignments should always be submitted before or after class (never during). Grades of assignments handed in late will be lowered by 1/3 of a letter grade each school day past the due date. An approximate final grade will be determined as follows:

20%	first source analysis
20%	second source analysis
20%	third source analysis
40%	final exam

A slight adjustment may then be made to this figure, either positively or negatively, depending on your overall performance. Your ultimate grade will largely be affected by the effort you display and the extent to which you make improvement.

Students will do well in the course only if they attend lectures faithfully and keep up with the reading assignments.

Lecture Schedule**Reading Assignment**

3/28	Greece Before the Greeks	
3/30	Minoan Crete	
4/1	The Mycenaean Kingdoms	
4/4	The Trojan War	Reader, "Homer, <i>The Iliad</i> ," "Homer, <i>The Odyssey</i> "
4/6	The Greek Dark Age	Hesiod, <i>Works and Days</i>
4/8	Renaissance and Recovery	
4/11	Gods	Reader, "Hesiod, <i>Theogony</i> ," "Hymn to Demeter"
4/13	Greek Colonization	Reader, "Archilochos" to "Pindar,"
4/15	Sparta	Reader, "Tyrtaeus," "Alcman"
4/18	Athens	Reader, from "Alcaeus" to "Theognis"
4/20	The Early Philosophers	Reader, "Xenophanes," "Heraclitus"
4/22	The Persians	
4/25	The First Persian War	
4/27	The Second Persian War	Reader, "The Battle of Salamis"; Aeschylus, <i>Persians</i>
4/29	Greek Theater	
5/2	The Delian League	
5/4	The Athenian Empire	Reader, "Parmenides," "Empedocles"
5/6	Greek Society	Reader, "Lysias"
5/9	Athens in the Time of Pericles	Reader, "Pericles' Funeral Oration," "The Mytilenian Debate"
5/11	The Peloponnesian War (Phase One)	Aristophanes, <i>The Acharnians</i>
5/13	The Sicilian Expedition	Reader, "The Melian Dialogue"
5/16	The War Continues	
5/18	Aftermath	
5/20	Socrates	Plato, <i>The Apology</i>
5/23	Plato	Reader, "Xenophon, <i>The Apology</i> "
5/25	Fourth-Century Greece	
5/27	Fourth-Century Athens	Menander, <i>The Girl From Samos</i>
5/30	<i>no class</i>	
6/1	The Macedonians	Reader, "Demosthenes"
6/3	Alexander the Great	
6/10	Final Examination	11:30-2:30