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Course Title

The Origins of Greek Democracy

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Day/Time

TTh 2-3:20 pm

Instructor

Wallace

Degree/Distro Fulfillment

Classics/Areas III, IV



Course Description:

This course traces the development of democracy in Greece from its beginnings, in the egalitarian mentalities attested already in Homer, the hoplite military reforms of the 7th and 6th centuries, the first written constitutions and written laws, the emergence of class conflict and tyranny in the 6th and 5th centuries, and the subsequent growth of democratic ideology. The course will also touch on the reception of Greek democracy in early modern Europe and America.

Required Textbooks

Oswyn Murray, *Early Greece* ISBN = 978-1131398754, plus a series of articles on Canvas.

Assessments

Two short exams; final paper.