

Course Number

Classics 211

Course Title

Greek History and Culture: From Homer to Alexander the Great

Quarter/Year

Winter 2021

Day/Time

MW 12:30-1:50 pm

Instructor

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Degree/Distro Fulfillment

Ethics and Values; Historical Studies;
Literature and Fine Arts



Course Description:

This course will serve as an introduction to the history, culture, and peoples of the Ancient Greek world between the age of Homer (c. 7th century BCE) and the death of Alexander the Great (323 BCE). Our emphasis will be on social, political, artistic, and intellectual developments across the period. We will pay special attention to the unique nature of ancient Athenian democracy as well as the politics and culture of other city-states, including Sparta. Our primary sources will be literary, but we will also examine evidence from ancient art and archaeology for unique insights into ancient people's lives, ideas, and values.

Required Textbooks

Plutarch, *The Rise and Fall of Athens*, translated by Ian Scott-Klivert ISBN = 9780140441024 Aeschylus, *Oresteia*, translated by Peter Meineck (Indianapolis, 1998). ISBN = 978-0872203907 Herodotus, *Histories*, translated by Pamela Mensch (Indianapolis, 2014) ISBN = 978-1624661136 Robert B. Strassler ed., *The Landmark Thucydides: A Comprehensive Guide to the Peloponnesian War* (New York, 1998) ISBN = 978-0684827902.

Assessments

Attendance/preparation; participation in discussion section; midterm exam; final exam.