

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

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<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
History 303	Greek Civilization (First Part)	Kenneth Sacks

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is the first of a two semester survey course of Ancient Greece, and it will cover from the beginning of Greek history to 447, B.C. We shall discuss at some length the late Bronze Age and Dark Age cultures, along with the question of how Homer can be used as a historical source. The Age of Tyrants with the growth of the city-state becomes the next major period under examination. Emphasis here will be on the rise of new social systems. The period from 500-447 will focus on the constitutional and political changes within Athens and the two concurrent struggles which Greece was undergoing: the Persian Wars and the Athenian-Spartan context for leadership of Greece. The course ends at 447, when Persia has made her peace with Greece and when Spartan and Athens too have apparently settled their differences.

LECTURES

Three/week, plus discussion section

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

Mid-term and final exams

GRADING SYSTEM

REQUIRED READINGS

Homer, *Iliad*; *Homer's History* (ed. by C. G. Thomas).

Herodotus, *The Persian Wars*

Aeschylus, *The Oresteia*

Plutarch, *The Rise and Fall of Athens*

Aristotle, *Constitution of the Athenians*