

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester I Year 84-5

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
303	A History of Greek Civilization I	Sacks

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course deals with the history of ancient Greece from c. 776 B.C. to 404 B.C. During this period, the Greeks developed for Western Man the concepts of democracy and philosophy, as well as individual character and the freedom of social choice. Their advances in art and literature also proved fundamental to the development of these disciplines.

We shall attempt to appreciate the significance of these achievements through the extensive reading of records which they have left us--histories, plays, and philosophical tracts--and through the use of slides to illuminate the art and architecture. The course, set within a framework of the political and military events, will stress the development of civilization and society. No background in Greek History is necessary.

LECTURES

There will be two lectures per week, each lasting 1 hour, 40 minutes, if we do not get a T.A. If we do get a T.A., they will last 1 hour, 15 minutes, and there will be a separate discussion section.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

6 week, 12 week, and final exam. Honors students and 4-unit non-honors students will write papers or do independent projects.

GRADING SYSTEM

A-F

REQUIRED READINGS

J.B. Bury and Russell Meiggs, A History of Greece (4th ed.)
Hesiod and Theognis
Aeschylus, The Oresteia
Sophocles, Three Theban Plays
Herodotus, The Persian Wars
Greek Lyrics
Thucydides, The Peloponnesian War
J.M. Moore, Aristotle and Xenophon on Democracy and Oligarchy
Plutarch, The Rise and Fall of Athens