

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
Department of History  
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History 304

Mr. Sacks

A History of Greek Civilization II

The main themes of this course are: (i) the decline of Athens as the center of Classical Civilization; (ii) the rise of Macedonia; (iii) the conquests of Alexander the Great; (iv) Greek culture, especially in the world created by Alexander's accomplishments.

Lectures: 1/week and one discussion section

Exams: 6 week, 12 week, and final exams; they will be essay style. Emphasis on the course will be on understanding what ancient writers tell us about their history and culture. The course requires a careful reading of the texts, and this approach will be stressed in the examinations. Students missing the examination are expected to provide written medical excuses.

Papers: Four-credit students must write a paper or do some other project. You must have a topic or subject approved by the T.A. of the instructor by March 18. If you cannot think of a topic, it is suggested that you compare and contrast the works of two ancient authors read in this course. Discuss the periods in which they wrote, the literary forms and themes which they adopted and how they reflected and influenced their particular societies. All papers and projects are due April 29.

Very Important: If you register for 4 credits, you MUST do the required written work. If, after having signed up for the fourth credit, you decide that you don't want to complete the written work, you MUST formally drop the credit with the Registrar by the ninth week. Otherwise, you must be held responsible for that credit's work.

Grading: 3-credit students: 10% participation in sections; 25% for both 6 and 12 week exams; 40% for final. Strong consideration will be given for improvement. 4-credit students: 10% participation in sections; 20% for 6 and 12 week exams and for the paper; 30% for the final. Strong consideration will be given for improvement.

Books to be purchased

Aristophanes, The Complete Plays of Aristophanes

Arrian, The Campaigns of Alexander

Menander, The Duskolos

Plato, The Last Days of Socrates

Plutarch, The Age of Alexander

Thucydides, The Peloponnesian War

F. W. Walbank, The Hellenistic World

Reader for 304: available at Kinkos's

## LECTURES

Jan. 21: Introduction and Geographical Background

The Greek World to 432  
Thucydides I, Chapters 22-24, 68-69

Jan. 28: The Peloponnesian War: Archidamus' War, 431-421  
Thucydides IV 1-41; V 1-24

Folly and Disaster, 415-403:  
Thucydides VI 1-32; VII 42-87

Feb. 4: Social Changes in Athenian Society  
Thucydides II 14-16; VI 16  
Aristophanes, The Congresswomen (The Ecclesiazusae)  
Reader, 1-17

Feb. 11: Athens and Socrates  
The Death of Socrates  
Aristophanes, The Clouds  
Plato, The Apology

Platonic Philosophy:  
Plato, The Phaedo

Feb. 18: Short-lived Empires: Sparta and Thebes  
Plutarch, Agesilaus  
Plutarch, Pelopidas  
Reader, 18-32

Rise of Philip II of Macedon:  
Plutarch, Demosthenes 3-16  
Reader, 33-37

Feb. 25: The Triumph of Philip  
Plutarch, Demosthenes 17-22  
Reader, 38-46

Alexander: The Early Years  
Begin reading Plutarch, Alexander

Mar. 4: EXAMINATION on all but Alexander

Mar. 18: Alexander the Great  
& Mar. 25: Plutarch, Alexander  
Plutarch, Demosthenes 23-31  
Arrian, Anabasis  
Walbank, 29-45

Apr. 1: The Successors of Alexander  
Plutarch, Demetrius  
Walbank, 46-59

The Three Kingdoms:  
Walbank, 60-140

Apr. 8: Hellenistic Society  
Menander, The Dyskolos  
Walbank, 159-175

Hellenistic Philosophy and Religion  
Walbank, 176-197, 209-221  
Reader, 104-113

Apr. 15: Athletes and Athletic Festivals  
Thucydides vi 16  
Reader, 70-96

Homosexuality:  
Thucydides vi 54-59  
Plutarch, Pelopidas 18-19  
Reader, 97-103

April 22: EXAMINATION of all materials beginning on Feb. 25, through April 15

April 29: Judaism and Hellenism  
Walbank, 221-226  
Reader, 114-144

May 6: The Coming of Rome  
Walbank, 227-251  
Reader, 145-152

May 13, 7:25 p.m.: FINAL EXAMINATION: There will be no alternative test date