

History of the Ancient Greeks & Romans

Semester:	Fall 2021
ECTS Credits:	6
Hours/week:	90 + 90 min
Language:	English
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CONTENT

We will learn about the history of ancient Greece and Republican Rome through looking at some of the great events. The student will learn about some of the grand events and chronologically examine some of the cultural productions of these civilizations.

Grading

- 3 short papers
- classroom presentations
- General participation and attendance

Papers: 500 words; APA or MLA formatting.

Timeliness is of essence in this course.

Assignments have to be uploaded via Google Classroom by the due date. **Late submissions will incur grade penalty.**

Within 24 hours -10%,

1 to 3 days - 20%

4 to 7 days - 50%

More than a week late - 0%

Grading scale

A – 100-93%,

B – 92-84%,

C – 83-74%,

D – 73-63%,

E – 62-51%,

Fx – 50-0%.

Four or more absences result automatically in Fx.

Regular attendance of all classes is of crucial importance in this course. Much of the explanation and implementation of what we learn towards your research project will take place in the seminars and skipping them will have impact on the quality of your research proposal. As per BISLA policy, four absences are permitted during the semester (these are to be reserved for cases of illness or family emergency). Any more absences result in failing the course. Do inform me prior to missing a class.

During this semester, it is essential that we remain safe. Thus, you are expected to stay at home and inform me when you have a raised temperature, feel short of breath, exhausted, experience upset stomach, etc. Contact the NCIZ hotline to arrange for testing. Check <https://korona.gov.sk/en/> for latest information and contact numbers.

Plagiarism policy

Plagiarism will automatically result in an Fx and may be subject to disciplinary proceeding and penalties stipulated in Disciplinary Code (up to expulsion).

All assignments at BISLA should be: (a) based on *your* reading of the sources, (b) based on *your analysis* of the sources, and (c) written by you. All used sources have to be properly referenced in the text as well as in the bibliography of your papers. You may also reference lectures and class discussions—there is a way to reference everything.

Definition of plagiarism: If you use a statement, argument or idea from someone without giving them credit, you are guilty of plagiarism. You can avoid plagiarism by citing your source(s). You must cite a source in two cases: first, whenever you are using the exact wording of the source (in this case, enclose the words in quotation marks; if you add words to the quotation, use square brackets) and, second, whenever you are summarizing or paraphrasing a statement, argument, idea or narrative from the source. If you do not do this, you are guilty of plagiarism. BISLA is using an APA style of referencing—you will find an APA manual on your Google Classroom page. Also, you can consult OWL Purdue Writing lab online or the APA blog for excellent tips and guidance.

APA formatting and style guide:

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html

Required literature

- Readings will be provided by the professor.

TOPICS and SCHEDULE SUMMARY

Gods and Heroes

1. Intro
 - a. Assignments on the gods given.
2. The Greek Gods
 - a. Assignments on Heroes
3. Presentations on the gods. Troy and the *Iliad*
4. Troy and the *Iliad*
5. *Agamemnon* (Aeschylus) (first ½)
6. *Agamemnon* (Aeschylus) (second ½)

Laws

7. Constitution of Athens
8. Constitution of Sparta
9. *Antigone* by Sophocles (first ½)
10. *Antigone* by Sophocles (second ½)

Persian Wars

11. Ionian Revolt (lead up to 1st war)
12. First Persian invasion

13. Second Persian Invasion
 - a. Life of Themistocles

Peloponnesian War

14. Delian league, Peloponnesian league; Siege of Plataea to Peace of Nicias
15. Sicily to Aegospotami, Athens defeated

16. Life of Alcibiades
17. Sophistry and Philosophy in Greece

Philosophy

18. *Apology* Plato (first ½)
19. *Apology* Plato (second ½)

Rise of Macedon

20. Philip and Alexander the Great
21. Alexander's Conquests

Rome

22. Mythic foundations
23. The Roman Legion & government

24. War against Pyrrhus and the Greeks
25. Roman Architecture

26. Carthage, First Punic War
27. Second & Third Punic Wars

28. End of Semester wrapup