

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL STUDIES
CS 1000 001: *GREEK & ROMAN CIVILIZATION*
FALL/WINTER 2026-27**

COURSE TIME, LOCATION, & TAs: Posted on OWL.

PREREQUISITE/ANTIREQUISITE: There is no prerequisite or antirequisite for this course.

INSTRUCTOR INFO: David Lamari, dlamari@uwo.ca; office hours: 10:30-11:30 MWF

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will introduce students to Greek and Roman civilization, focusing on art, and philosophy. As students examine both literary and archeological evidence, they will also become familiar with the cultural and social life of the Greeks and Romans.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

On successful completion of this course students will:

- acquire a knowledge of both political and social history
- identify both the imagery and subject matter of ancient art
- critique social norms as a product of time and events

COURSE MATERIALS (both textbooks are required for the course)

- Pomeroy, Sarah (et. al.): *A Brief History of Ancient Greece: Politics, Society, and Culture*. **5th edition**. Oxford 2025 (ISBN 9780197783498). \$53.00
- Boatwright, Mary (et. al.): *A Brief History of the Romans*. **2nd edition**. Oxford 2013 (ISBN 9780199987559). \$49.00

You must have the editions listed above for both textbooks; earlier editions should not be used.

https://bookstore.uwo.ca/textbook-search?campus=UWO&term=W2026&courses%5B0%5D=001_UW/CLA1000

METHOD OF EVALUATION (all tests are multiple-choice, **in-person)**

Midterm 1 (October 9, in class)	10%
Midterm 2 (November 27, in class)	25%
Midterm 3 (February 8, in class)	25%
Final Exam (in the April exam period, as scheduled by the registrar)	40%

- No makeups will be held for the midterms. If a student is given academic consideration for missing a midterm, the weight of that midterm will be shifted to the cumulative Final Exam.
- The makeup for the final exam will be held on Friday May 7th, 2027 at 6:00 pm. If you miss the Final Exam, please contact the Academic Advising office of your Faculty of Registration as soon as you are able to do so. They will assess your eligibility to write the Special Examination (the name given by the University to a makeup Final Exam).

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/exam/definitions.pdf

If a student misses both the final exam and the May 7th makeup, they will take the next in-person final exam in the April 2028.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: Fall Semester

Textbook readings for the fall semester are from *A Brief History of Ancient Greece*

All additional readings are available on the course site for that given lecture.

Sep 9	W	Introduction, Early Greece; read: pp. 1-13
11	F	The Bronze Age; read: pp. 15-46
14	M	The Early Iron Age; read: p. 49-76
16	W	Homer; read: Homer's <i>Iliad</i> , Book 1
18	F	Greek Religion
21	M	Archaic Greece; read: pp. 79-111
23	W	Archaic Art
25	F	Lyric Poetry
28	M	Early Philosophy
30	W	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no class)
Oct 2	F	The Olympics
5	M	The Symposium
7	W	Review Class
9	F	Midterm 1 (in-class)
12-18	MWF	Reading Week (no classes)
19	M	Sparta; read: pp. 114-135
21	W	The Growth of Athens; read: pp. 137-153
23	F	Democracy & Law; read: Lysias' <i>On the Murder of Eratosthenes</i>
26	M	The Persian Wars; read: pp. 154-168
28	W	The Rivalries of the Greek City-States; read: pp. 171-205
30	F	Catch-up class
Nov 2	M	The Oikos
4	W	Slavery; the Economy
6	F	Sexuality
9	M	Classical Art, Part I; read: pp. 207-241
11	W	Classical Art, Part II
13	F	Drama & History
16	M	The Peloponnesian War, Part I; read: pp. 243-271
18	W	The Peloponnesian War, Part II
20	F	The 4th Century BCE; read: pp. 274-312
23	M	Socrates/Plato/Aristotle, read: Plato's <i>Euthyphro</i>
25	W	Review Class
27	F	Midterm 2 (in-class)
30	M	Philip II; read: pp. 313-331
Dec 2	W	Alexander the Great; read: pp. 334-357
4	F	The Hellenistic Period, part I; read: pp. 360-395
7	M	The Hellenistic Period, part II
9	W	The Hellenistic Period, part III

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: Winter Semester

Textbook readings for the winter semester are from *A Brief History of the Romans*)

Jan 4	M	Archaic Italy, Part I; read: pp. 1-23
6	W	Archaic Italy, Part II
8	F	Republican Rome, Part I; read: pp. 24-49
11	M	Republican Rome, Part II
13	W	The Army
15	F	Religion
18	M	Law
20	W	The Beginnings of a Mediterranean Empire; read: pp. 50-73
22	F	Republican Art
25	M	Slavery
27	W	Italy and Empire; read: pp. 74-93
29	F	Italy Threatened; read: pp. 94-115
Feb 1	M	The Domination of Sulla; read: pp. 116-135
3	W	Catch-up class
5	F	Review Class
8	M	Midterm 3 (in-class)
10	W	The End of the Republic Part I; read: pp. 136-159
12	F	The End of the Republic Part II
15-19	M-F	Winter Reading Week (no classes)
22	M	Augustus, Part I; read: pp. 160-192
24	W	Augustus, Part II
26	F	Augustan Art and Architecture
Mar 1	M	The Roman House
3	W	Roman Mosaics and Wall-painting
5	F	The Early Principate; read: pp. 193-212
8	M	Literature
10	W	Roman Women
12	F	Military Expansion; read: pp. 213-236
15	M	Pompeii
17	W	Italy and the Provinces; read: pp. 237-260
19	F	The 3rd Century Crisis; read: pp. 261-280
22	M	Gladiators, Part I
24	W	Gladiators, Part II
26	F	The Rise of Christianity, Part I; read: pp. 281-301
29	M	The Rise of Christianity, Part II
31	W	Chariot Racing
Apr 2	F	The City of Rome
5	M	The Final Years; read: pp. 302-322
7	W	Catch-up class
9	F	Review Class

COURSE NOTES:

1. My office hours are listed on the BRIGHTSPACE course site, and you're always welcome to drop by. No appointment is needed! These hours are for you: to ask questions about the course, get help with assignments, or simply chat about how the material connects to current events (or anything else on your mind). You don't need to have a "big question" to stop in—even if you just want to say hello, that's perfectly fine. If my office hours don't fit your schedule, let me know and we'll set up another time that works.
2. You need to have any accommodations in place at least one week before a test in order for that accommodation to be given for the test. I cannot let you retake tests taking into account accommodations that were not in place when the quiz was posted.
3. In fairness to all students, there is no extra credit or re-weighting of grades; I do not reply to emails that ask for these. If you have a disability or some other special situation, I urge you to speak to both your student advisor and Accessible Education.

4. Students must familiarize themselves with the University Policy on Academic Consideration – Undergraduate Students in First Entry Programs posted on the Academic Calendar:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/academic_consideration_Sep24.pdf

This policy does not apply to requests for academic consideration submitted for attempted or completed work, whether online or in person. The policy also does not apply to students experiencing longer-term impacts on their academic responsibilities. These students should consult: Accessible Education. For procedures on how to submit Academic Consideration requests, please see the information posted on the Office of the Registrar's webpage:

https://registrar.uwo.ca/academics/academic_considerations/index.html

All requests for Academic Consideration must be made within 48 hours after the assessment date or submission deadline.

5. For questions about course content or technical issues, contact your assigned course teaching assistant as indicated in BRIGHTSPACE.
6. All course material will be posted to BRIGHTSPACE. Students are responsible for checking the course site on a regular basis for news and updates. This is the primary method by which information will be disseminated to all students in the class. Students may access the OWL Brightspace Learner Support site for assistance: <https://brightspacehelp.uwo.ca/> For IT related issues, they may contact Western Technology Services Helpdesk directly: <https://wts.uwo.ca/helpdesk/>.
7. Lectures and course materials, including power point presentations, outlines, and similar materials, are protected by copyright. You may take notes and make copies of course materials for your own educational use. You may not record lectures, reproduce (or allow others to reproduce), post or distribute lecture notes, wiki material, and other course materials publicly and/or for commercial purposes without my written consent.
8. Request for a re-grade must be made within three weeks of the test being handed back.

Academic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously, and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, here:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_offences.pdf

Gradescope Review

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

Electronic Devices

No aids are permitted for tests in this course. Electronic devices of any kind (including calculators, cell phones and smart watches) are not permitted.

Statement on the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)

In this course, students are permitted to use AI tools for information gathering. The use of AI tools on the tests is not permitted.

Policy on Accommodation for Religious Holidays

Students should review the [policy for Accommodation for Religious Holidays](#). Where a student will be unable to write examinations and term tests due to a conflicting religious holiday, they should inform their instructors as soon as possible but not later than two weeks prior to writing the examination/term test. In the case of conflict with a midterm test, students should inform their instructor as soon as possible but not later than one week prior to the midterm.

Religious Accommodation requests for final exams should be submitted via the Student Absence Portal.

Academic Accommodation and Accessible Education

Academic Accommodation is “a means of adjusting the academic activities associated with a course or program of student in order to permit students with disabilities to participate in those activities at the University and to fulfill the essential requirements of a course or program.”

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic%20Accommodation_disabilities.pdf. Students with disabilities are encouraged to register with **Accessible Education** at the earliest opportunity. “Accessible Education plays a central role in Western's efforts to ensure that its academic programs are accessible for all students”

http://academicsupport.uwo.ca/accessible_education/index.html

Academic Policies

The website for Registrarial Services is <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>.

In accordance with policy,

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/policies_procedures/section1/mapp113.pdf,

the centrally administered e-mail account provided to students will be considered the individual's official university e-mail address. It is the responsibility of the account holder to ensure that e-mail received from the University at their official university address is attended to in a timely manner.

Academic Advising

Your Home Faculty's Academic Advising Office will support or refer whenever you have an issue that is affecting your studies, including information on adding/dropping courses, academic considerations for absences, appeals, exam conflicts, and many other academic related matters.

Do not hesitate to reach out to them if you are struggling and unsure where to go for help. Contact info for all Faculties is here: https://registrar.uwo.ca/faculty_academic_counselling.html

Mental Health Support

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western (<https://uwo.ca/health/>) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

Gender-based and sexual violence

Western University [is committed to reducing incidents of gender-based and sexual violence](#) (GBSV) and providing compassionate support to anyone who is going through or has gone through these traumatic events. If you are experiencing or have experienced GBSV (either recently or in the past), you will find information about support services for survivors, including emergency contacts at the following website:

<https://www.uwo.ca/health/crisis.html>

To connect with a case manager or set up an appointment, please contact support@uwo.ca.

Learning Development and Success

Counsellors at the Learning Development and Success Centre <https://learning.uwo.ca> are ready to help you improve your learning skills. They offer presentations on strategies for improving time management, multiple-choice exam preparation/writing, textbook reading, and more. Individual support is offered throughout the Fall/Winter terms in the drop-in Learning Help Centre, and year-round through individual counselling.

USC

Additional student-run support services are offered by the USC, <https://westernusc.ca/services/>.

Brightspace:

All course material will be posted to OWL Brightspace: <https://westernu.brightspace.com/>. If students need assistance with OWL Brightspace, they can seek support on the [OWL Brightspace Help](#) page. Alternatively, they can contact the [Western Technology Services Helpdesk](#) online or by phone at 519-661-3800 or ext. 83800 for technical support. Current versions of all popular browsers (e.g., Safari, Chrome, Edge, Firefox) are supported with OWL Brightspace; what is most important is that you update your browser frequently to ensure it is current. All JavaScript and cookies should be enabled.