GK 9904B: GREEK HISTORIOGRAPHY
Thucydides’ Account of the Sicilian Expedition

Course Location: Lawson Hall 3220
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DESCRIPTION:
In this course we will read substantial portions of Thucydides’ gripping account of the Sicilian Expedition (Book 6 and 7). Our goal is two-fold, to gain familiarity with the characteristics of the genre of Greek historiography and to learn to appreciate Thucydides’ narrative craft.

PREREQUISITES:
Any 3000-level course in Ancient Greek or permission of the Department.

REQUIRED BOOKS:
Since there is no suitable text with commentary available covering books 6-7, primary and secondary readings for each week will be made available on the course website on OWL.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS:
• covers books 5-8 and thus contains the entire Sicilian Expedition (books 6-7)
• covers books 1-4, for those students who would like to own Thucydides’ entire work for easy reference

EVALUATION:
Preparation and Participation: 10%
Leading of Discussion Session: 5%
In-Class Test: 20% [February 13]
1-Page Abstract: 5% [due on March 6]
Annotated Conference Paper (20 min.): 30% [10% for presentation; 20% for final version]
Final Exam: 30% [exam period in April]

NOTES ON GRADE COMPONENTS:
1. Students are expected to prepare 3-5 pages of Thucydides per week, including translation and grammar explanation. Students will translate in class and discuss questions of morphology and syntax. Even though we will not be able to translate all of the assigned text in class, the entire assignment is eligible for the translation tests.
2. We will concentrate our study of Thucydides around a number of special discussion topics (see detailed syllabus). The discussion sessions are based upon a particular passage in Thucydides and are meant to deepen our understanding of various aspects of Greek Historiography through selected articles and further ancient sources to be read by every student as part of the weekly reading assignment. Each student will pick one of these discussion topics, present a critical summary of the assigned articles (15 min), generate questions and function as expert in the ensuing class discussion.
3. The In-class Test and the Final Exam will be drawn from the assigned translations and feature a sight-reading passage (worth 20% of the in-class test and final exam, respectively).
4. As final project each student will prepare a **20 min.-long conference paper** on a topic of his/her own choosing. The paper should be thoroughly researched with proper references and detailed documentation in the footnotes (ca. 1800 words plus footnotes). A **1-page abstract**, outlining the project and detailing its main thesis, is due on March 6. For tips, see [https://classicalstudies.org/annual-meeting/suggestions-authors-abstracts-program-committee](https://classicalstudies.org/annual-meeting/suggestions-authors-abstracts-program-committee). For the presentation, every student will prepare a short **handout**, which contains the one-page abstract, a short bibliography and the main passages to be discussed in the paper. All translations in the handout and the paper should be your own, but you are allowed to draw on standard published translations. The handout must be made available at least **24 hours before** the presentation (either electronically or by putting a copy into everybody’s mailbox). This will stimulate class discussion and improve feedback. The final version of this paper is due on April 17, 2018.

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**
1. If you miss an exam due to illness or provable personal crisis, you **must contact the instructor within 48 hours**. If you do not contact me, the grade of F will stand.
2. To apply for academic accommodation **due to illness** you **MUST** contact the DEAN’s office of your home faculty. Make-up exams on medical grounds **CANNOT** be granted by the instructor (see the new UWO Policy on Accommodation below).
3. Make-up exams **due to personal crises** will only be granted, if appropriate written documentation is provided. The make-up test will be scheduled as soon as possible after the missed test, usually within one day.
4. Those who miss classes or parts of classes remain responsible for material they have missed. Students are encouraged to form study groups in order to assist each other in preparing for tests and for discussion of assigned readings.
5. There is no extra credit in this course; there will be no re-weighting of the course components.

**CLASS COMMUNICATION:**
Class will be notified of any class cancellations, room changes and other special announcements via the course website on OWL.

**NOTE FROM THE DEAN OF ARTS and HUMANITIES:** You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites and that you have not taken an antirequisite course. Lack of prerequisites may not be used as basis of appeal. If you are not eligible for a course, you may be removed from it at any time, and you will receive no adjustment to your fees. These decisions cannot be appealed.

**PLAGIARISM:** Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage of text from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

**POLICY ON ACCOMMODATION FOR MEDICAL ILLNESS:**

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams and/or assignments worth 10% or more of their final grade must apply to the Office of the Dean of their home faculty and provide documentation. **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION CANNOT BE GRANTED BY THE INSTRUCTOR OR DEPARTMENT.**

**UWO ACCESSIBILITY POLICY:** Western has many services and programs that support the personal, physical, social and academic needs of students with disabilities. For more information and links to these services: [http://accessibility.uwo.ca/](http://accessibility.uwo.ca/)

**MENTAL HEALTH:** Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western [http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental_health/](http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental_health/) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.