Course Description
This section of the Core Course has three primary goals: 1) To present the major canon and periodization of archaeological material from the Greek and Roman worlds; 2) To introduce some of the major approaches and themes of Classical Archaeology of the past several decades; 3) To familiarize you with the disciplinary approaches and categories of evidence that archaeologists use in their investigations. You should leave this course understanding how archaeological material fits into and is in dialogue with the major political movements of the Greek and Roman worlds. The material presented in this class is necessarily only a small portion of everything from the Classical world, but by the end of the course you should understand what material is available and how it can be used in each historical period. The approaches and methodologies discussed will introduce you to high-level thinking about material culture and how it contributes to our understanding of past people and societies.

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Course Readings
Readings will be supplied electronically by the instructor through OWL. Be sure to allow yourself sufficient time to access them. Details will also be provided if you prefer to check these sources out of the library.

Assessment
Assessment for this course will be based on class participation and a final exam. Significant class participation is expected in graduate school. You should engage with the articles assigned and be ready to discuss your thoughts and ideas about the readings and the subjects we cover. Your contributions should be substantial and not limited to criticism or approval of the
material. Every week each student in the class will be asked to respond specifically to one reading, but every student should be prepared to discuss all of the readings.

Participation: 25%
Final exam: 75%

Preliminary Schedule

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**HOW TO USE THIS SYLLABUS**

**CONTENT:** This is the material culture (place, time period, etc) to be considered that week. I will give a formal PowerPoint presentation and lecture on this material. If you have no background on this information and would like to gain some before the class, please use the readings in the column labelled “Background reading”. This material will form the context and the examples for the discussion of approaches and theoretical stances for the week. We will usually cover content first in the meeting, except for Week 1.

**DISCUSSION/REQUIRED READINGS:**
Each week the material will lend itself to a discussion in approaches and theoretical topics in Classical Archaeology, appropriate to the time period covered. The readings listed in this column under ‘Required Readings’, found below the description of the Content/Discussion for each week, is the required reading that I expect you will have read and thought about in order to contribute to a broader class discussion about the subject. You might like to use the background reading suggested in order to understand the approach under investigation in the context of the material discussed.

**DISCIPLINARY SUBJECT:** Most weeks we will discuss a social issue in the field of Archaeology and Classics.

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL APPROACH:**
Each week I will introduce you to an approach used in archaeological investigation to better understand sites and those who built and lived in them. This will be a short lecture at the end of each session.

**BACKGROUND READING:** You all come to Western with different backgrounds in archaeology and Classics. This column lists suggested reading if you have no background in the area under discussion and would like to gain some before the class. I will give a formal PowerPoint on this material, but the reading would give you more detail, if you feel it is necessary.

**Archaeology:** This is reading that will describe the monuments, cities, material culture under discussion.

**Historical Period:** This is reading that will introduce you to the historical period that we will discuss that week.
### WEEK 1: Nov. 16

**DISCUSSION TOPIC:** What is Classical Archaeology? The classic statements about the function and meaning of classical archaeology as a discipline. Where are the borders of the discipline? How does this fit with other disciplines like Art History, Ancient History and Anthropological Archaeology?

**REQUIRED READINGS:**
(All resources available through Weldon Online)

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL APPROACH:**
Internet resources for research in Classical Archaeology.
Week 2: Nov. 23

CONTENT:
Bronze Age Archaeology in the Mediterranean. The fall and rise of the Greeks—Bronze Age collapse and the Dark Age, Lefkandi and Nichoria; Archaic period emergence of polis, monumental architecture, writing, social organization.

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Collapse and reemergence of complex society
What does collapse mean? What processes are at play? How do we understand these processes archaeologically?

DISCIPLINARY SUBJECT: Gender and Diversity in Archaeology
What is a ‘gendered archaeology’? Why do we need to take different approaches and have different voices on the past? What has changed in 25 years? Who practices archaeology? Whose narratives of the past are privileged? Why is a one-sided perspective a problem? Who researches and publishes in archaeology? Whose voices are the strongest? Whose voices are not heard in archaeology and specifically Classical Archaeology?

ARCHAEOLOGICAL APPROACH:
Internet resources for research in Classical Archaeology (we’ll do this either in week 1 or 2, wherever there’s time), What do we do on an archaeological site? Excavation and interpretation of sites

REQUIRED READINGS:

BACKGROUND READING (only if needed):
Archaeology:

“Revitalization, and Transformation in Complex Societies” (S. Illinois Univ.) 3-26. (PDF)

Of interest:


**Historical Period:**

**WEEK 3: Nov. 30**

**CONTENT:** The Archaic Period in Rome
The beginnings of Rome and the city of the Monarchy and early Republic.

**DISCUSSION TOPIC:** State formation
What are the primary factors in the process

**DISCIPLINARY SUBJECT:**
Dominant Voices in Archaeology
Who researches and publishes in archaeology? Whose voices are the strongest? Whose voices are not heard in archaeology and
of a small settlement becoming a large 'State'? What are the archaeological indicators of this growth and status? What factors came into play specifically in Rome?

**REQUArD READINGS:**


For Context also read: Review of Haggis-Terrenato by a historian: R. Billows, 2013. *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 43.4: 609-611 (JSTOR)


Of Interest:


**BACKGROUND READING (only if needed):**

**Archaeology:**


**Historical Period:**


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<th>Week 4: Dec. 7</th>
<th>CONTENT: Classical Greece--Athens in the 5th century, Parthenon, Acropolis, Agora; Delphi and Olympia--The pan-Hellenic sanctuaries as an extension of the Classical polis. <strong>DISCUSSION TOPIC:</strong> The built environment and political 'propaganda' How do the Greeks master using the backdrop of the built environment (architecture, public art, etc) to support a political agenda? What is and is not allowed in this process? What spaces are used for 'propaganda' and what rules govern the use of space in different ways?</th>
<th>ARCHAEOLOGICAL APPROACH: Ceramics and related approaches: Lipid analysis, petrography, connoisseurship.</th>
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### WEEK 5: Jan. 11

**CONTENT:** The Roman Republic and the Hellenistic World  
Conquest and consolidation of the Mediterranean, 261-100 BCE: Roman provincial organization. The effects of conquest on the city of Rome: Mid-Republican Victory temples (Sant’Omobono; Forum Boarium; Forum Holitorium; Largo Argentina).

**DISCUSSION TOPIC:** How did the process of conquest by Rome change the Hellenistic world, especially Greece? How did conquest change the face of Rome itself? In what ways did Rome in the middle Republic transform itself to be the capital of a huge empire?

**DISCIPLINARY SUBJECT:** White supremacy and classical archaeology (and classics)  
How has the content of the classical world been co-opted by white supremacist and alt-right agendas? Why is the classical world particularly susceptible to these appropriations? How can we derail those efforts and take back the subject?

### REQUIRED READINGS:


(These are all short and you’ll go down a rabbit hole anyway, so we may as well all be down the same one! Read some or all of this, do what you can)


### BACKGROUND READING (only if needed):

**Art and Archaeology:**  
Chapter 2 “The Roman Republic”

**Historical Period:**  

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<td>Read something from “Pharos: Doing justice to the classics” and informally report back to the class: <a href="http://pages.vassar.edu/pharos/">http://pages.vassar.edu/pharos/</a> Email the group to tell us what you’ll read so we get different perspectives.</td>
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<td><em>If possible, attend session at the Society for Classical Studies annual meeting on “Greco-Roman Antiquity and White Supremacy” (Organized by Curtis Dozier, Vassar College, Director of Pharos Project): Saturday, January 9th, 9am – 12pm.</em></td>
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170 BC (Blackwell). Chapter 1 “Roman expansion and the pressures of anarchy” pp. 3-28. (Weldon Online)
| WEEK 6: Jan. 18 | CONTENT: The Late Republic and early Empire in Rome  
The competition of the late Republic and the age of Augustus--Theatre complex of Pompey, Forum of Julius Caesar, Temple of Divus Julius, changes in Forum under Augustus, Forum of Augustus, Mausoleum of Augustus, Ara Pacis/Horologium Complex, Late Republican burial monuments.  
DISCUSSION TOPIC: Images as power and language  
How do Rome’s politicians of the late Republic and early empire use images as propaganda? What are the most successful building programs? How do the overall messages of different individuals vary or agree? How does the Roman use of the built environment differ from that of 5th century Athens? |
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| DISCIPLINARY SUBJECT: Archaeology, colonialism and “protecting Western Civilization” (quotes and caps intentional)  
How have colonial endeavors shaped the field of classical archaeology? Why is the narrative of the “Foundations of Western Civilization” problematic? Who is included and who is excluded in these narratives? How has this discussion changed in the last 10 years?  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL APPROACH: Site recording: Photogrammetry, 3D modelling, geophysics analysis, LiDAR, GIS in archaeology. |
| REQUIRED READINGS:  
3. S. Pollock. 2010. "Decolonizing Archaeology: Political Economy and Archaeological Practice in the Middle |
| BACKGROUND READING (only if needed):  
Archaeology:  
Chapter 3 "Augustus and the Imperial Idea"; Chapter 4 "The Julio-Claudians."  
Historical Period:  
Chapters 9-10. |
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<th>CONTENT: The Emperors and the Roman Empire--Rome under the emperors; Provincial incorporation and development of frontiers; Material culture in the provinces (Art, funerary monuments, etc); Provincial cities and major monuments (Hadrian’s Wall, La Turbie, Adamklissi, Sebasteion at Aphrodisias, Dura Europos, Palmyra, Fayum Portraits)</th>
<th>DISCUSSION TOPIC: 'Romanization' and the archaeology of identity and Ethnicity</th>
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<td>How did the incorporation of so many different cultural groups into the 'Roman' empire change what it meant to 'be Roman'? What are the barriers (historically and now) to our study and understanding cultural change in the provinces? How do we approach understanding individual or collective identity from the archaeological record?</td>
<td>DISCIPLINARY SUBJECT: Decentering the classical world</td>
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<td>Why does “the canon” include what it does? Based on everything we’ve looked at in these 8 weeks, whose voices and perspectives have created that “canon”? Who is missing? Most importantly, how can we decenter what has typically been taught in classics? Why is it important for us to do that?</td>
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Archaeology:

Historical Period:

**Important Policies**

**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).

**Scholastic Offences**

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http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

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