

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL STUDIES
COURSE OUTLINE
Classical Studies 1000 — 001: ANCIENT GREECE AND ROME
2025-2026



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TEACHING ASSISTANTS: TBA

OFFICE HOURS: W 12:30-1:30 PM

TIME AND PLACE OF CLASS: See OWL

REQUIRED TEXTS:

1. S. B. Pomeroy, S. M. Burstein, *et alii*, *A Brief History of Ancient Greece* (4th edition, Oxford 2020) [ISBN-10: 0190925302 / ISBN-13: 978-0190925307] \$129.99
2. M. T. Boatwright, D. J. Gargola, *et alii*, *A Brief History of the Romans* (2nd edition, Oxford 2014) [ISBN-10: 9780199987559 / ISBN-13: 978-0199987559] \$143.99

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Although this course will necessarily include a basic historical outline, it is less concerned with battles and politics than with the cultural and social life and achievements of Greece and Rome. Among the topics to be considered are: magic, religion and philosophy and their inter-relationships; the aesthetic principles of the art and literature of the Greeks and Romans and their masterpieces of architecture, sculpture and painting, poetry and prose; the structure of society and the position of women; slavery; everyday life; sport; warfare; and medicine.

OWL

Students are responsible for checking the course OWL 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.

All course material will be posted to OWL.

If students need assistance with the course OWL site, they can seek support on the OWL Help page. Alternatively, they can contact the Western Technology Services Helpdesk. They can be contacted by phone at 519-661-3800 or ext. 83800.

EVALUATION:

First test: 20% (12 November 2025)

Second test: 25% (during December exam period)

Third test: 25% (25 February 2026)

Final examination: 30% (Final exam period)

N.B. The tests will be a mix of multiple-choice and true/false questions, and they will **not** be cumulative. No aids are permitted for any of these exams. Electronic devices of any kind (including calculators, cell phones and smart watches) are not permitted.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

On successful completion of this course students are expected to be able to:

- have acquired a knowledge of both Greek and Roman political and social history
- identify both iconography and subject matter, and be able to analyze visually ancient art and architecture
- address the possible symbolism and meaning of content/subject matter in ancient art and architecture within its specific and larger social/historical context
- to understand the important contribution archaeological evidence makes in examining and reconstructing the history of ancient Greece and Rome
- to understand the dominant themes and character of ancient literature

LEARNING OUTCOMES/ TRANSFERABLE SKILLS:

Students completing this course are expected to have acquired:

- an understanding of the importance of historical perspective, and how social norms and customs are a product of time, events and context
- a developed understanding of the limits of primary evidence as actual historical fact

NOTES TO STUDENTS:

Statement on the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI): In this course, the use of AI (automatic translation tools, grammar checkers, ChatGPT...) is prohibited. If AI use is suspected, the instructor will ask for research notes, rough drafts, essay outlines, and other materials used in preparing assignments. Students are expected to retain these materials until after final grades have been entered. In the unlikely event of concerns being raised about the authenticity of any assignment, students may be asked to produce these materials; an inability to do so may weigh heavily against them.

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 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.

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/>

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

In the event of a COVID-19 resurgence during the course that necessitates the course delivery moving away from face-to-face interaction, affected course content will be delivered entirely online, either synchronously (i.e., at the times indicated in the timetable) or asynchronously (e.g., posted on OWL for students to view at their convenience). The grading scheme will **not** change. Any remaining assessments will also be conducted online as determined by the course instructor.

ACADEMIC CONSIDERATION:

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/academicconsiderations/>

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

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/studentsupport/survivorsupport/get-help.html>. To connect with a case manager or set up an appointment, please contact support@uwo.ca.