

UNIVERSITY of GUELPH
SCHOOL of LANGUAGES and LITERATURES
FALL 2020
CLAS*3050 *The Rise and Fall of Athens* (in Greek)

LEC Fri
2:30pm–3:20pm

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COURSE OUTLINE*

Prerequisites: GREK*2020

Overview:

This course augments CLAS*3000 for students of Greek through the reading and study in Greek of selected primary sources, such as Herodotus, Thucydides, and Plutarch.

Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of the course, the student should be able to:

- 1) evaluate the role of ancient/primary literary source material in shaping our understanding of Greek history in the 5th century; the development of Athenian democracy; the Peloponnesian War, and the decline of Athenian dominance;
- 2) explain the importance of primary documentation and appraise the various (sometimes contradictory) interpretations by secondary authors, and
- 3) compose their own translations of selected ancient authors to construct their own critical interpretation of the history of Athens.

Texts Required:

All readings (including ancient sources in translation) will be provided as open-access electronic sources. Students will be able to purchase the texts if they prefer through on-line vendors. Full reading list to be provided.

Method of Presentation:

This course will be offered in a hybrid model. The scheduled hour (Fri. 2:30-3:30pm) will be delivered synchronously to permit real-time participation from students. However, all course material will be recorded and made available through Courselink to permit later viewing. Two additional hours of class time will be available for autonomous and asynchronous learning. In this way, students are expected to do considerable work independently.

Evaluation:

Weekly exercises	20%
Weekly quizzes	20%
Translations (2x15% each)	30%
Short research paper (12-1500 words)	20%
Seminar presentation (via Zoom)	<u>10%</u>
Total	<u>100%</u>

*Please note: This is a preliminary web course description only. The department reserves the right to change without notice any information in this description. The final, binding course outline will be distributed in the first class of the semester.