PRELIMINARY COURSE OUTLINE

Prerequisites:

1 of CLAS*1000, CLAS*2000, or HIST*2850

Overview:

This course will introduce the student to the history of Athens from the Bronze Age to the 1st century BC. Emphasis will be placed upon reading the ancient sources to develop an understanding of: the origins of Athenian culture and society; Archaic Athens; the development of Athenian democracy; the growth of Athenian empire; the Peloponnesian War, and the decline of Athenian dominance through the 4th century BC to the arrival of Rome. Special attention is paid to the literature and thought of the period.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, an assiduous student will be able to:

1. analyze, critique and evaluate a range of source material;
2. appraise the major literary and historical sources of ancient Greek (with an emphasis upon Athenian) history and culture;
3. explain the development of the scholarly and historiographical treatment of Athenian history;
4. integrate literary and historical sources with other genres of ancient sources, such as archaeological, numismatic, and epigraphic material to synthesize a comprehensive understanding of Athenian history and culture, and
5. organize and deploy evidence in order to discuss critically historical, social and cultural themes in order to inquire meaningfully into specific aspects of Athenian history and culture form the Bronze Age to the 1st century BC.

1This course will deliver the material via a mix of in-person and remote lectures. Monday and Wednesday lectures (with the exception of Mon., Sep. 26 and Wed., Oct. 12 [see Syllabus]) will be delivered in-person, as the situation permits. All Friday lectures will be delivered remotely and will be available to view—at the scheduled lecture time—through Courselink. Students may watch them at the time they are posted or later, as they so choose. All recorded lecture material will be archived in Courselink for students to reference as needed until classes conclude.
**Texts Required:**


**Method of Presentation:**

Lecture and in-class discussion.

**Evaluation:**

- Reading Test I (ancient sources) 5%
- Reading Test II (secondary sources) 5%
- Midterm Examination 20%
- Research Assignment 30%
- Final Examination 40%
- **Total 100%**

*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.*

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2 All chapter and page references in the course will correspond to the print versions of these editions. Any decision to use alternate texts or resources remains with the individual student. The course instructor and TAs will operate on the assumption that students are using these required resources. All additional readings will be provided through Courselink.