

CLS/HIS 255: History of Ancient Greece

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Office Hours: M-F: 4:15-5:00 pm; or
appt. or chance

REQUIRED TEXTS

Arrian, *The Campaigns of Alexander*, tr. A. de Sélincourt, Penguin 1971; with introduction and notes by J. R. Hamilton.

Herodotus, *The Histories*, tr. A. de Sélincourt, rev. ed. with introduction and notes by John Marincola, Penguin 2003.

Pomeroy, Sarah et al., *Ancient Greece: A Political, Social, and Cultural History*, 2nd ed. Oxford 2008.

Strassler, Robert B, ed. *The Landmark Thucydides*, Touchstone 1998.

REQUIREMENTS

Attendance in class is mandatory. One absence is granted without penalty. Additional absences will result in reduction of grade.

Thorough reading and study of assignments.

Thoughtful class participation in lecture and discussion group.

Assigned oral reports and one-page papers.

Mid-term and final examinations.

Completion of a research paper.

EXAMS AND GRADES

Class Participation	20%
Attendance	
Remarks in lecture and discussion	
Short oral presentations	
Quizzes (no make-ups on missed quizzes)	
One-page papers	15%
Mid-term exam (TBA)	30%
Short identifications and one essay question	
Final exam (Thursday, May 14 th , 9 AM)	35%
Short identifications and choice of essay questions	

GENERAL SYLLABUS FOR CLS/HIS 255: HISTORY OF ANCIENT GREECE

- Week 1: Topography
Palaeolithic and Neolithic Greece
Early Bronze Age
Mycenaean Greece
- Week 2: Greek Dark Age
Beginning of Archaic Period
Colonization
- Week 3: Rise of Tyrants
Spartan History, Constitution, Society
- Week 4: Emergence of Athens
Early Athens: Theseus to Solon
- Week 5: Peisistratids
Cleisthenes
- Week 6: Reforms of Cleisthenes
Rise of Persia
The Persian Wars
- Week 7: Persian Wars
- Week 8: The Athenian Empire and Periclean Athens (479-431 BCE)
- Week 9: The Peloponnesian War (431-421 BCE)
- Week 10: The Peloponnesian War (421-404 BCE)
- Week 11: The Fourth Century: Shifting Powers
- Week 12: The Fourth Century
- Week 13: The Rise of Macedon under Philip II and Alexander
- Week 14: Alexander the Great and the Conquest of the East