



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Introduction to Classical Civilization: Greece - 28218

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Classical Studies

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course will survey cultural highlights, motifs and institutions of Ancient Greece mainly but not exclusively through the seminal texts (Homer through Plato and beyond), starting with the language and writing systems of the Ancient Greeks and their universal impact, and culminating with the figure of Alexander the Great.

Course/Module aims:

Panoramic view of the main features of the culture of Ancient Greece, through a chronological progression and access through mainly literary textual sources. Some aims will include

- to distinguish cultural from purely literary and historical phenomena;
- to critically assess cultural motifs, institutions and phenomena through historical, literary and mythical sources;
- to appreciate the impact of Ancient Greek culture on other pre-modern civilizations and societies, and its lasting impacts on contemporary culture.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

To depict the main literary genres of ancient Greece, to understand the characteristics of their content, and to posit them within their cultural context.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Presentation of material via lectures accompanied by slides and handouts and dynamic discussion with students about the presentation and the texts under discussion.

Course/Module Content:

1. Introduction
2. Iliad
3. Odyssey
4. Hesiod and Lyrical Poetry
5. Herodotus and Thucydides
6. Orators
7. Tragedy
8. Comedy
9. Philosophy

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10. The Hellenistic Period
 11. Hellenistic-Judaism
 12. Greek Science
 13. Late Greek Literature

Required Reading:

Reading material will be given at the beginning of the course

Additional Reading Material:

On the Moodle, Handouts and by recommendation of the teacher.

Grading Scheme:

Written / Oral / Practical Exam 80 %

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 10 %

Attendance / Participation in Field Excursion 10 %

Additional information:

None