HIST 1210: Understanding Historical Change: Ancient Greece  
Summer 2016  TWR  9:00-12:00  
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Course Description  
This course is a survey Greek history from the first discernible appearance of Greek peoples in the eastern Mediterranean until the assassination of Philip of Macedon in 336 BCE. In addition to examining traditional issues of political and military history we shall also give ample consideration to questions of economic, social, and cultural history.  

Expectations  
The instructor anticipates that this course will take the form of a “lecture discussion” based upon a close and careful reading of the assigned materials. Therefore, students should be well prepared to discuss the readings/viewings of any given day in detail. Regular attendance is therefore crucial to every student’s success. Examinations must be taken during class-time on the dates indicated on the syllabus. Grades will be rendered according to the following formula:  

Midterm: 50%  
Final: 50%  

University’s Policy on Academic Integrity  
Please note that sanctions will be imposed on students who violate academic integrity. According to “The Arts and Sciences Policy on Academic Integrity,” violations of academic integrity “include but are not limited to plagiarism, cheating on exams, false authorship, and destruction of library materials needed for a course.” Academic integrity applies to papers, quizzes and exams.  

Concerning Electronic Devices:  
Please set their various and sundry electronic devices to the “OFF” position before class commences. Any mechanical or digital reproduction and/or transmission or other use of the pictures, sounds, or content of these lectures/discussions without the express written consent of the instructor is strictly prohibited.
Required Texts
Pomeroy et. al: *Ancient Greece: A Political, Social, and Cultural History* (Pomeroy et. al.)
Hesiod, *Theogony and Works and Days* (West)
Hamel, *Trying Neaira*

Suggested Texts
Morkot, *The Penguin Historical Atlas of Ancient Greece*
Plutarch, *The Rise and Fall of Athens*

All other assigned readings will be available electronically via Blackboard

Helpful Links
**Aristotle Constitution of Athens**
**Herodotus**
**Hesiod**
**Thucydides**
**Xenophon**

Web Resources
There a number of web-sites/electronic databases devoted to Classical Antiquity. Many are useful; some are of questionable value. Students are advised to explore as they wish but to only consider materials found at the Perseus Project to be authoritative. The Perseus Project is an online database of the Classical World. Texts, maps and images of significant archaeological sites, art and artifacts as well as secondary materials can all be found there. Students are especially encouraged to repeatedly view topographical images. The home page link:

**Perseus Project**

Students may be particularly interested in the overview of Ancient Greek history which can be found at this specific link within the site:

**Greek History Overview**

In addition selected images of significant archaeological sites and artistic works may be found at:

**ARTSTOR**

Syllabus

**Week 1:** From Prehistory to the Rise of the Polis
Readings: Pomeroy et. al. *Introduction, Chapters 1-2*  
*Homer’s Iliad*  
*Hesiod, Works and Days*  
*Minoan Images*  
*Mycenean Images*  
*Dark Age and Geometric*

**Week 2:** The Archaic Period: The polis, Colonization, Tyranny and The Birth of Athenian “Democracy”
Readings: Pomeroy et. al. *Chapters 3-4*
- **Herodotus**: 4.150.2-4.159.4
- **Plutarch**: *Life of Solon*
- **Aristotle**: *Athenian Constitution 20ff*
- **Early Archaic “Orientalizing” Images**
- **Archaic Images**

**Week 3** The Persian Wars and the Pentekontaetia
Readings: Pomeroy et. al. *Chapters 5-6*
- **Plutarch**: *Life of Themistocles*
- **Plutarch**: *Life of Aristides*
- **Plutarch**: *Life of Cimon*
- **Classical Images 1**
- **Classical Images 2**

**Thursday June 16**: Midterm

**Week 4** Classical Athenian Culture and the Peloponnesian War
Readings: Pomeroy et. al. *Chapters 7-8*
- **Thucydides**: Books 2.34-46 (Pericles’ “Funeral Oration”)
- **Plutarch**: *Life of Pericles*
- **Plutarch**: *Life of Alcibiades*
- **Sophocles**: *Antigone*
- **Aristophanes**: *Acharnians*
- **Plato**: *Apology*
- **Athenian Acropolis Images**

**Week 5** Greece in the 4th Century and Greek Economy and Society: Women, Labor and Religion
Readings: Pomeroy et. al. *Chapters 9-10*
- Hamel, D. *Trying Neaira*

**Thursday June 28**: Final Examination