

CLASSICS (Div I)

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The course offerings in Classics enable students to explore the ancient Greek, Roman, and Mediterranean worlds from various perspectives, including literature, history, art, archaeology, philosophy, and religion. Courses are of two types: language (Greek and Latin) and courses in which all the readings are in English translation (Classical Studies). The 100-level language courses are intensive introductions to Greek and Latin grammar and reading skills; the 200-level language courses combine grammar review with primary readings from Greek or Latin texts of key historical periods; Latin 302 and the 400-level language courses are seminars that explore in depth selected authors or topics and the methods of analysis appropriate to each of them. Classical Studies courses offer introductions to and more specialized study of the literature, visual and material culture, history, and other aspects of the Greek and Roman worlds.

MAJOR

Majors and prospective majors are encouraged to consult with the department's faculty to ensure a well-balanced and comprehensive selection of Classics courses appropriate to their individual interests. A course in ancient history is strongly recommended. Majors may also benefit from advice on courses offered in other departments that would complement their particular interests in Classics. A reading knowledge of French, German, and Italian is useful for advanced study in Classics and is required in at least two of these modern languages by graduate programs in classics, ancient history, classical art and archaeology, and medieval studies.

The department offers two routes to the major: Route A emphasizes more coursework in Greek and Latin, while Route B emphasizes more Classical Studies courses.

Route A: (1) Six courses in Greek and/or Latin, with at least two 400-level courses in one language. (2) Three additional courses from the offerings in Greek, Latin, or Classical Studies or from approved courses in other departments and programs.

Route B: (1) One course each from any two of the following categories: literature (CLAS 101 or CLAS 102); visual and material culture (CLAS 209 or CLAS 210); history (CLAS 222 or CLAS 223). (2) Four courses in Greek or Latin with at least one at the 400-level, or the four-course sequence CLLA 101, 102, 201, and 302. (3) Three additional courses from the offerings in Classical Studies or from approved courses in other departments and programs.

Classics Colloquium: All Classics majors in residence are expected to participate fully in the life of the department through attendance at lectures and other departmental events.

THE DEGREE WITH HONORS IN CLASSICS

Students who wish to be considered for the degree with honors will normally prepare a thesis or pursue appropriate independent study in one semester and winter study of their senior year. The thesis or independent study offers students the opportunity to work in depth on a topic of their choosing and to apply and develop the techniques and critical methods with which they have become acquainted during their regular course work. It may also include relevant work with members of other departments. In order to write a thesis, students normally must have a minimum GPA of 3.3 in their major courses and must submit a thesis proposal that earns departmental approval before the end of the spring semester of their junior year. To be awarded the degree with honors in Classics, the student is required to have taken a minimum of ten semester courses in the department (not including the thesis or independent study) and to have demonstrated original or superior ability in studies in the field both through course work and through the thesis or equivalent independent study.

COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM

Language Courses: The numbering of courses through the 300 level reflects the prerequisites involved. The only prerequisite for any 400-level course is Greek 201 or Latin 302. The rotation of 400-level courses is arranged to permit exposure, in a three- to four-year period, to most of the important periods and genres of Greek and Latin literature. Students may enter the rotation at 100-level, 200-level, or 300-level, depending on previous experience.

Classical Studies Courses: The numbering of these courses does not reflect a strict sequence, and most of them do not assume prior experience in Classics or a cross-listed field. The following pairs of courses offer excellent introductions to key areas of study within Classics: CLAS

101 and 102 (literature), CLAS 209, 210 (visual and material culture), CLAS 222, 223 (history).

STUDY AWAY

We strongly encourage Classics majors to study away in their junior year, at programs in Italy (especially the semester-length program at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome), at programs in Greece (especially the College Year in Athens, which students need only attend for one semester), and in the Williams at Oxford Program. Our majors have also had excellent Classics experiences in other study-abroad programs in Italy and Greece and at various universities in Europe and the United Kingdom. In addition, we encourage students to take advantage of opportunities available in the summer: study abroad programs in Italy and Greece, archaeological digs, or even carefully planned individual travel to sites in Greece, Italy or other areas of the ancient Mediterranean world. When the college cannot do so, the department may be able to provide some financial support for summer study abroad. The department's faculty are always available to advise students, the chair has materials to share, and students can visit the department's website for information and links to helpful sites. Majors who are considering studying away should especially consult with faculty members about the implications for language study.

FAQ

Students **MUST** contact departments/programs **BEFORE** assuming study away credit will be granted toward the major or concentration.

Can your department or program typically pre-approve courses for major/concentration credit?

Yes, in some cases, if appropriate course information is available in advance (e.g., syllabi and/or course descriptions), though students should be sure to contact the department.

What criteria will typically be used/required to determine whether a student may receive major/concentration credit for a course taken while on study away?

Complete syllabus and course description, including readings/assignments.

Does your department/program place restrictions on the number of major/concentration credits that a student might earn through study away?

No.

Does your department/program place restrictions on the types of courses that can be awarded credit towards your major?

No.

Are there specific major requirements that cannot be fulfilled while on study away?

No.

Are there specific major requirements in your department/program that students should be particularly aware of when weighing study away options? (Some examples might include a required course that is always taught in one semester, laboratory requirements.)

No, but students should consult with the department about language sequences.

Give examples in which students thought or assumed that courses taken away would count toward the major or concentration and then learned they wouldn't:

None to date.

CLAS 101 (F) Greek Literature: Performance, Conflict, Desire

Cross-listings: COMP 101 / THEA 104

Primary Cross-listing

In the *Iliad*, Paris' desire for the famously beautiful Helen leads to the Trojan War, the devastating conflict between the Trojans and the Greeks retold and reimagined time and again in ancient Greek literature. The stories of Troy and its aftermath were performed not only as epic poems (as in the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*), but also evoked by lyric song, dramatized on the tragic stage, and recounted in oratory. Beginning with the Homeric epics, this course explores the recurring and ever-shifting debates, longings, hostilities, and aspirations that drive Greek literature and shape its reception, paying special attention to questions of performance context and audience. We will consider, for example, how the competitive and erotically-charged environment of the Greek symposium is crucial for understanding both Sappho's songs and the philosophical dialogues of Plato and Xenophon. The nexus of performance, conflict, and desire will give us a distinct perspective on many important topics within the study of Greek culture, including the construction of personal and collective identity, the workings of Athenian democracy, and the development of literary genres. This course will include readings from the works of, e.g., Homer, Sappho, Herodotus, Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, Aristophanes, Thucydides, and Plato, and assignments will incorporate interactive and experiential elements, such as recitations, staged readings, and debates. All readings are in translation.

Requirements/Evaluation: two medium-length essays, final exam, active participation, preparation for and participation in debates and staged readings (short writing assignments, in-class presentations).

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 40

Enrollment Preferences: Classics majors, first years, sophomores

Expected Class Size: 10-15

Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

CLAS 101(D1) COMP 101(D1) THEA 104(D1)

Not offered current academic year

CLAS 102 (S) Roman Literature: Gender, Virtue, Empire

Cross-listings: COMP 108

Primary Cross-listing

In the first book of Vergil's *Aeneid*, the god Jupiter prophesies the foundation and the greatness of Rome: "I place no limits on their fortunes and no time; I grant them empire without end." Yet elsewhere in this epic account of Rome's origins, this promise of unlimited power for the descendants of Romulus seems to be seriously abridged. Some readers have seen, not only in the *Aeneid* but throughout classical Roman literature, a persistent tendency to inscribe the decay and disintegration of Roman power into the very works that proclaim and celebrate Roman preeminence. This course explores the ancient Romans' own interpretations of their past, their present, and their destiny: the humble beginnings of their city, its rise to supreme world power, and premonitions of its decline. Related topics for our consideration will include Roman constructions of gender, the location and expression of virtue in the public and private spheres, the connections and conflicts between moral probity and political success, the exercise of individual power versus action on behalf of the commonwealth, the absorption of foreign customs and peoples into Rome, the management of literal and imaginary frontiers, and other anxieties of empire. We will read selections and complete works by a wide variety of Roman authors, including Cicero, Catullus, Caesar, Vergil, Sallust, Horace, Ovid, Seneca, and Tacitus. *All readings will be in translation.*

Class Format: discussion

Requirements/Evaluation: short written assignments, midterm and final exams with essays, and contributions to class discussion

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 25

Enrollment Preferences: first-year students and sophomores and majors in Classics and Comparative Literature

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

CLAS 102(D1) COMP 108(D1)

Not offered current academic year

CLAS 105 (F) Telling Tales in Ancient Greece (WS)

Cross-listings: COMP 104

Primary Cross-listing

One-eyed monsters, magical spells, and trips to the moon: Greek literature is replete with tales of fantastic creatures and wild adventures. These ancient stories give us valuable opportunities to explore early understandings of "fiction," the development of narrative, and the construction of the storyteller in both poetry and prose. In this course, we will read texts from Homer's *Odyssey* (8th cent. BCE) to Heliodorus' *Aethiopica* (4th cent. CE), alongside a range of scholarly approaches to them. We will pay particular attention to the prose fiction of the Roman imperial era, including both the texts traditionally called the "ancient novel" as well as the various forms of biography, ethnography, and mythography adjacent to them. Throughout, we will explore narratives and representations of gender, sexuality, race/ethnicity, class, and cultural identity, reflecting on how our primary sources engage with their complex social and political contexts. All readings will be in English.

Requirements/Evaluation: regular tutorial papers and response, discussion in tutorial meetings

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: first years, sophomores

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

CLAS 105(D1) COMP 104(D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will receive regular feedback on their writing (structure, style, argumentation) from the professor as well as their tutorial partners, which should be taken into account as they move forward in the course and compose subsequent papers and responses.

Fall 2023

TUT Section: T1 TBA Sarah E. Olsen

CLAS 201 (F) Love and Strife

Cross-listings: COMP 233

Primary Cross-listing

In one of the earliest known attempts to explain the universe, the philosopher-poet Empedocles wrote that everything in existence is moved by love and strife. This fundamental pair of forces has shaped accounts of human experience for over two millennia. Are these principles simple opposites, complements, or even two aspects of a single concept? What happens when they fall out of balance or both are absent? Can love consume strife, or strife destroy love? Artists and writers have taken up these and similar questions in myriad forms, from nursery rhymes to epic poems, from philosophical contemplation to popular song, from the tragic stage to the silver screen. This course will use Greek and Latin works as touchstones for exploring ancient and modern representations of love and strife. Our ancient sources may include Homer, Sappho, Sophocles, Horace, Catullus, and Seneca, as well as architecture, graffiti, and epitaphs. Later sources may include Shakespeare and screwball comedies, Broadway standards and the Beatles, Renaissance fresco and modern sculpture, and literary professions of love from the silly to the sublime. All readings are in translation.

Class Format: For the fall of 2020, this course will be taught online. The seminar will meet at the regularly scheduled time twice a week.

Requirements/Evaluation: Class participation, short written assignments, and a final paper/project.

Prerequisites: None.

Enrollment Limit: 12

Enrollment Preferences: If the course is overenrolled, preference will be given to Classics and Comparative Literature majors and prospective majors.

Expected Class Size: 12

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

CLAS 201(D1) COMP 233(D1)

Not offered current academic year

CLAS 202 (S) Greek Tragedy (DPE)

Cross-listings: COMP 220 / THEA 220

Primary Cross-listing

Ancient Greek tragedy was a cultural phenomenon deeply embedded in its 5th-century Athenian context, yet it is also a dramatic form that resonates powerfully with 21st-century artists and audiences. This course examines tragedy on both levels. We will read such plays as Aeschylus' *Agamemnon*, Sophocles' *Electra*, and Euripides' *Medea* in English translation, considering their literary and dramatic features as well as their relationship to civic,

social, and ritual contexts. We will discuss such topics as the construction of gender and identity on the dramatic stage, the engagement between tragedy and other literary genres, and the distinctive styles of the three major Athenian playwrights. We will also survey a set of recent productions and adaptations of these plays, with a particular focus on how modern playwrights and producers use Greek tragedy to explore justice, power, race, gender, status, and sexuality. We will consider how a dramatic form largely produced by and for Athenian citizen men became a creative resource for a remarkably diverse range of 21st-century artists, and explore how modern productions offer fresh perspectives on ancient material. All readings will be in English.

Requirements/Evaluation: class participation, several essays, brief oral presentations

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 25

Enrollment Preferences: Classics, Comp Lit, and Theater majors; first-years; sophomores

Expected Class Size: 25

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (DPE)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

CLAS 202(D1) COMP 220(D1) THEA 220(D1)

Difference, Power, and Equity Notes: This course considers the questions of justice and power central to the performance of tragedy in the ancient Greek world, as well as the manifold ways in which 21st-century artists have used Greek drama to explore the modern construction of race, gender, class, and sexuality. Students will also examine how theater can operate both as a form of institutional power and as a space for exposing, critiquing, and reimagining dominant cultural narratives.

Spring 2024

SEM Section: 01 Cancelled

CLAS 203 (F) History of Ancient Greek Philosophy

Cross-listings: PHIL 201

Secondary Cross-listing

Very few people believe that everything is water, that we knew everything before birth, that philosophers ought to rule the state, or that the earth is at the center of the cosmos. Why then should we spend our time studying people who in addition to having these surprising beliefs have been dead for 2500 years? First of all, Greek thinkers, especially Plato and Aristotle, radically shaped the trajectory of western thought in every area of philosophy. No one can have an adequate understanding of western intellectual history without some familiarity with the Greeks, and we might think that an understanding of our intellectual history can deepen our understanding of our own situation. More importantly, many of the thinkers that we will read in this class are simply excellent philosophers, and it is worthwhile for anyone interested in philosophical problems to read treatments of these problems by excellent philosophers. We will begin the course by looking briefly at some of the Presocratic philosophers active in the Mediterranean world of the seventh through fifth centuries BCE, and some of the sophists active in the fifth century. We will then turn to several of Plato's dialogues, examining Plato's portrayal of Socrates and his development of a new and profoundly powerful philosophical conception. Finally, we will examine some of Aristotle's works on metaphysics, epistemology and ethics, considering some of the ways Aristotle's thought responds to that of predecessors.

Requirements/Evaluation: There will be a midterm and final exam. There will also be short writing assignments.

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 20

Enrollment Preferences: Philosophy and Classics Majors.

Expected Class Size: 15-20

Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Unit Notes: Philosophy majors must take either PHIL 201 or PHIL 202 (and are encouraged to take both)

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

PHIL 201(D2) CLAS 203(D1)

Fall 2023

LEC Section: 01 MWF 11:00 am - 12:15 pm Keith E. McPartland

CLAS 205 (S) Ancient Wisdom Literature

Cross-listings: JWST 205 / REL 205 / COMP 217

Secondary Cross-listing

The Biblical books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Job are often grouped together under the Hebrew category of *hokhmah*, 'wisdom.' Although these books are very different in content, they can all be interpreted as meditations on ethical and practical philosophy. In this way, they represent the Hebrew Bible's canonical embrace of a widespread Near Eastern literary phenomenon. From the instructional literature of Egypt and Mesopotamia to Greek didactic poetry and fables, ancient Mediterranean cultures offer a wide range of texts that engage the issues of personal behavior, leadership, and justice. Starting with the central wisdom books of the Hebrew Bible and moving through relevant material from the Apocrypha, New Testament, and the Egyptian and Babylonian traditions, this course will examine the literature of wisdom throughout the ancient world with an eye toward understanding its various social, political, and philosophical contexts. We will then consider the Greek wisdom tradition in such texts as Hesiod's *Works and Days*, Aesop's fables, and fragments from the pre-Socratic philosophers. Finally, we will explore the influence of these ancient sources on later expressions of wisdom in medieval European literature, as well as more recent examples such as Benjamin Franklin's *Poor Richard's Almanack*. *All readings are in translation.*

Requirements/Evaluation: class participation, short written assignments, and two longer papers

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

JWST 205(D2) REL 205(D2) CLAS 205(D1) COMP 217(D1)

Attributes: JWST Core Electives

Not offered current academic year

CLAS 207 (F) From Adam to Noah: Literary Imagination and the Primeval History in Genesis

Cross-listings: REL 207 / COMP 250 / JWST 207

Secondary Cross-listing

How long did Adam and Eve live in the Garden of Eden? What was the mark of Cain? Why did Enoch not die? Who was Noah's wife? How did Giants survive the Flood? These are only a few of the fascinating questions that ancient readers and interpreters of the Book of Genesis asked and attempted to answer. The first ten chapters of Genesis present a tantalizingly brief narrative account of the earliest history of humankind. The text moves swiftly from the Creation to the Flood and its immediate aftermath, but this masterful economy of style leaves many details unexplained. This course will explore the rich and varied literary traditions associated with the primeval history in the Genesis. Through a close reading of ancient noncanonical sources such as the Book of Enoch, Jubilees, and the Life of Adam and Eve, as well as Jewish traditions represented in Josephus, Philo, and Rabbinic literature and other accounts presented in early Christian and Gnostic texts, we will investigate the ways in which the elliptical style of Genesis generated a massive body of ancient folklore, creative exegesis, and explicit literary re-imagining of the early history of humankind. We will then turn to some continuations of these variant traditions in medieval literature, with particular attention to the material on the figures of Cain and Noah. *All readings are in translation.*

Class Format: For the fall of 2020, this course will taught online. The seminar will meet at the regularly scheduled time twice a week.

Requirements/Evaluation: Class participation and several writing assignments.

Prerequisites: None.

Enrollment Limit: 12

Enrollment Preferences: If the class is overenrolled, preference will be given to students who have already taken a course in Biblical literature.

Expected Class Size: 12

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

REL 207(D2) COMP 250(D1) CLAS 207(D1) JWST 207(D2)

Attributes: JWST Core Electives

Not offered current academic year

CLAS 209 (F) From Alexander to Cleopatra: Remodeling the Mediterranean World

Cross-listings: ARTH 230

Primary Cross-listing

The period between Alexander the Great (323 B.C.) and Cleopatra (30 B.C.), like our own, was characterized by internationalism, migration, wide-ranging cultural values and religious practices, and ethnically diverse urban populations. Large numbers of non-Greeks came under the control of newly established Hellenistic kingdoms, while in the west Rome's emergence as a superpower offered both new opportunity and danger. The Hellenistic world was a place of vibrant change in the spheres of art, architecture, urban planning, and public spectacle. In this course, we will consider the art and archaeology of this period in their political, social, and religious contexts, focusing on the visual language of power and royalty; developments in painting, sculpture, mosaics, and monumental architecture; interactions between Greeks and non-Greeks; and the impact of Greek culture in Rome.

Requirements/Evaluation: class participation, map quizzes, three short papers, mid-term exam, and a final paper

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 40

Enrollment Preferences: students with an interest in the ancient Mediterranean world and in the history of art and architecture

Expected Class Size: 35

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

CLAS 209(D1) ARTH 230(D1)

Not offered current academic year

CLAS 210 (S) Art and Experience in Ancient Rome

Cross-listings: ARTH 211

Primary Cross-listing

To see and be seen--it could be argued that this was the very definition of Roman culture. Much like today, spectacle and the dissemination of images lay at the heart of political and social life. The visual arts were crucial both to how the Romans rehearsed their identity and goals as a community, and to how individual Romans communicated their achievements and values. In this course, lectures on the art and architecture of ancient Rome (ca. 300 B.C.-A.D. 400) will provide the backdrop for an investigation into the role visual culture played in the lives of all Romans, including slaves and former slaves, women and children. Special topics will include the funeral and funerary portraiture; the military triumph and monuments of victory; the house as a site of memory; the use of images on coins; participation in religious celebrations; displays of war booty and prisoners of war; experience and audience at the racetrack and in the amphitheater; the spectacle of food and dining; and the Roman street as both contested space and a place for art. Readings will include a combination of primary and secondary sources. *All readings are in translation.*

Requirements/Evaluation: attendance and preparation, short writing assignments, two exams, and a final project

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 35

Enrollment Preferences: Classics majors

Expected Class Size: 35

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

Spring 2024

LEC Section: 01 Cancelled

CLAS 211 (S) Performing Greece

Cross-listings: THEA 211 / COMP 248

Primary Cross-listing

Modern readers often encounter Homer, Sappho, Sophocles, and the Greek orators through written texts, yet their first ancient audiences experienced the words of these authors not in silence and solitude, but in live performance contexts. This course, therefore, will take up performance as a critical lens for interpreting ancient Greek literature, situating these works within a rich culture of song, dance, speech, and debate. We will survey the evidence for the musical, visual, and embodied aspects of Greek literature, and also reflect on the rewards and limits of enlivening the ancient world through the reconstruction and re-imagination of its performative dimensions. Our attention to performance will give us a distinct perspective on many important topics within the study of Greek culture, including the construction of personal and collective identities, the workings of Athenian democracy, and the development of literary genres, and it will also enable us to consider the reception and reperformance of Greek myth and literature from new angles. All readings are in translation.

Requirements/Evaluation: active participation in class, short essays/projects (2-5 pages each, 5 total, including a longer final essay/project)

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 12

Enrollment Preferences: first-year students and sophomores and majors in Classics, Comparative Literature, and Theatre

Expected Class Size: 10-12

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

CLAS 211(D1) THEA 211(D1) COMP 248(D1)

Not offered current academic year

CLAS 213 (S) The Human Figure in the Ancient Mediterranean

Cross-listings: ARTH 213

Secondary Cross-listing

From the earliest representations in the third millennium BCE until the end of the Roman period in the fifth century CE the human body remained the foremost choice of subject for artists, patrons, critics, and the public in the ancient Mediterranean world. This course will consider cultural ideas about the body in antiquity, and trace their repercussions in the modern era. Over the course of the semester we will concentrate on 12 case studies, each representing a specific concept from an area of the Mediterranean. Topics include the "shining bodies" of bare-chested potentates in Egypt and the ancient Near East, statues that give the dead voice, the perfection and humanity of the bodies of the gods, ancient Greek science and the nude goddess, the pathos of Hellenistic athletes, and the interpretative challenge of the ambiguous and sensuous marble forms of the Barberini Faun or the Sleeping Hermaphrodite, both found in Roman contexts. We'll consider the cross-influences of ideas about gender, class, race and the body coded in public and private art. Reading material will include ancient literature in translation as well as contemporary critical essays. Evaluation will be based on participation in discussion and group presentations, short response paper, tests on images, and a final 8-page research paper. Engaged library research of original paper topics will be supported throughout the semester.

Class Format: Lecture and Discussion

Requirements/Evaluation: participation in discussion and group presentations, short response paper, tests on images, a final 8-page research paper.

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 25

Enrollment Preferences: open to any student, majors and non-majors, with interests in the ancient world; no experience with art history required; first-years and sophomores are encouraged

Expected Class Size: 20

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ARTH 213(D1) CLAS 213(D1)

Attributes: ARTH pre-1800

Spring 2024

LEC Section: 01 TR 11:20 am - 12:35 pm Elizabeth P. McGowan

CLAS 214 (S) Athletics and Literature in Ancient Greece (WS)

Cross-listings: COMP 284

Primary Cross-listing

The modern Olympic games are one of the most visible traces of ancient Greek influence on contemporary culture. Less well-known, however, are the complex and challenging poems (originally songs) of Pindar and Bacchylides that celebrated the victors of the archaic Greek games. These victory odes are a rich source for the study of Greek culture, from their vivid descriptions of heroic feats to their philosophical claims about human life and divine favor. Athletic competition provides the impetus for these songs and constitutes one of their major themes, yet their significance extends far beyond a single athlete or festival. In this course, we will interrogate the relationship between athletics and literary production in the ancient Greek world. We will use both primary and secondary sources to develop familiarity with major festivals, games, events, and figures, and use that knowledge to contextualize our analysis of Greek literature. Ancient Greek athletic discourse will thus provide an entry point to broader reflections on the literary construction and representation of the body and its movement, as well as the interplay between literature and its cultural contexts.

Requirements/Evaluation: brief writing assignments, essays, class participation

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: majors, first-years, sophomores

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

COMP 284(D1) CLAS 214(D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Weekly (pass/fail) writing assignments (1-2 pages), five graded essays (two of which will be revisions and expansions of previous work, 4-5 pages each), regular in-class workshops on writing style and essay structure. Students will receive from the instructor timely comments on their writing skills, with suggestions for improvement.

Not offered current academic year

CLAS 215 (F) Roman Homes and Gardens

For ancient Romans, the house was far more than a private dwelling intended only for a nuclear family and close friends. Instead, it was a place where many different social roles--those of the homeowners themselves, as well as their dependents, enslaved workers, business partners, and political rivals--were enacted and expressed. The garden also had a crucial part to play, communicating a special relationship with the natural world, with travel lands, or with the divine. In this course, we will examine a wide range of Roman homes and gardens from 250 BCE-300 CE (including shepherds' huts and military camps, apartments and townhouses, villas and palaces), traveling to different geographical regions, both throughout Italy (especially, Pompeii, Herculaneum, and Rome), but also to Britain, Croatia, Israel, Spain, and Tunisia. Using a multi-disciplinary approach, this seminar will explore the archaeology, history, decoration, and social practices of these physical spaces, as well as their deployment as powerful cultural symbols in ancient life and literature--and in later historical periods, too. All readings are in translation.

Requirements/Evaluation: class participation, short written assignments, and a final project. Students should also plan to take 1-2 field trips to local sites and museums.

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 20

Enrollment Preferences: Classics majors

Expected Class Size: 20

Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

Fall 2023

SEM Section: 01 MR 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm Nicole G. Brown

CLAS 222 (F) Greek History

Cross-listings: HIST 222

Primary Cross-listing

This course covers the history of ancient Greece from the Bronze Age Minoan and Mycenaean palace civilizations to the Roman conquest of the East Mediterranean (c. 1500-1 BC). We will study the development, expansion, and interactions of Greek society and its cultural expressions through a wide variety of textual sources and archaeological evidence across the Mediterranean basin and West Asia. How did the Greek world conceptualize and enact various modes of individual and collective status, construct political systems from one-man rule to popular democracy, and grapple with issues of memory and identity? How did the Greek world deal with victory and defeat, imperialism and subjugation, freedom and slavery, upheaval and decline? How should we approach the mythology about the origins of humanity, or the subsequent development of natural science and philosophy from Ionia to Athens and beyond? Why has this past continued to work as a mirror in subsequent periods, even up to our modern day? From the collapse of the Mycenaean palaces to the building of the Athenian acropolis, from autocratic warlords to the birth of democracy, from wandering merchants to Hellenistic kings, from Hesiod to Herodotus, Socrates, and Thucydides, this course will seek to reconstruct and understand the trajectory of ancient Greek society and culture from its early inception to its subjugation under Roman rule. All readings will be in translation.

Class Format: discussion

Requirements/Evaluation: contributions to class discussions, occasional short written assignments, quizzes, a midterm, a final exam.

Prerequisites: none; open to all

Enrollment Limit: 35

Enrollment Preferences: First-year students and sophomores; majors and intended majors in Classics, History, and Art History,

Expected Class Size: 25

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

HIST 222(D2) CLAS 222(D1)

Attributes: HIST Group C Electives - Europe and Russia HIST Group P Electives - Premodern

Fall 2023

LEC Section: 01 TF 1:10 pm - 2:25 pm Felipe Soza

CLAS 223 (S) Roman History

Cross-listings: HIST 223 / LEAD 223

Primary Cross-listing

The history of ancient Rome can be seen as an account of formative events, practices, and thought in the history of western culture; it also is the history of the most far-reaching experience of diverse cultures, beliefs, and practices known in the Western tradition until modern times. By studying Roman history from Rome's emergence in central Italy in the 7th century BCE through the reign of the emperor Constantine in the early fourth century CE, we will see the complex and fascinating results of an ambitious, self-confident nation's evolution, transformation, and expansion throughout the Mediterranean world. We will consider questions such as, How did a republic with an aversion to autocratic rule and devotion to *libertas* understand its existence as an imperial power as well as its own elite's dominant rule over Romans and non-Romans alike? How and why did the Roman republic and its deeply entrenched republican ideology give way to the effective rule by one man, Augustus, and the increasingly monarchical rule of the

emperors who followed? Did Roman political life in the later republic cause the violence that left it in crisis, or did the persistence of violence in Roman life account for the nature of Roman politics? Who were the non-elites of Rome, Italy, and the Roman empire that often get left in the shadows in our ancient sources? Who were the important writers, politicians, poets, philosophers, and innovators whose works constitute a rich cultural heritage worthy of both appreciation and critique? Throughout the course there will be an emphasis on the problems of historical and cultural interpretation, on how the Roman experience is relevant to our own, and, importantly, on the pleasures of historical investigation. Readings for this course will include a variety of original sources, a range of scholarly essays on specific topics, and a textbook that will provide our chronological framework.

Requirements/Evaluation: Class preparation and participation, several short response papers, one longer 6- to 8-page paper, a midterm exam, and a final exam. Students who have a B+ average or better at the end of the semester may substitute a 10 to 15-page research paper for the final exam.

Prerequisites: None; open to all

Enrollment Limit: 20

Enrollment Preferences: Preference given to students who are or are considering majoring in Classics or History, or who are concentrating in Leadership Studies. Preference is then given to first-year students and sophomores.

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

CLAS 223(D1) HIST 223(D2) LEAD 223(D2)

Attributes: HIST Group C Electives - Europe and Russia HIST Group P Electives - Premodern

Not offered current academic year

CLAS 227 (F) The Examined Life: Ancient Ethical Literature at Rome

Cross-listings: COMP 277

Primary Cross-listing

The philosophical schools of classical antiquity had in common a commitment to *eudaemonia*; that is, they considered human flourishing as a chief goal of life. This aim was not limited to professional philosophers, however. Rather, the question of how humans should live was a widespread and deeply felt concern, and ethical considerations pervade ancient texts across many genres. This course will focus on works of literature that consider how to live wisely, happily, and well, whether through seeking pleasure or acting justly, whether through political engagement or by retreating from society. We will analyze a wide variety of texts, but all are animated by an ethical premise most famously enunciated by Socrates, namely, that the unexamined life is not worth living. Readings may include dialogues, speeches, correspondence, plays, and poems, among them the *Satires* and *Epistles* of Horace, Seneca's *On Leisure* and *On the Happy Life*, and the *Meditations* of Marcus Aurelius. All readings will be in translation.

Requirements/Evaluation: class participation, several short written assignments, one or two longer essays (around five pages)

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 24

Enrollment Preferences: Classics majors, Comparative Literature majors, or intending Classics and Comparative Literature majors

Expected Class Size: 20

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

COMP 277(D1) CLAS 227(D1)

Not offered current academic year

CLAS 231 (S) Travel in the Ancient Mediterranean

Cross-listings: COMP 253

Primary Cross-listing

The ancient Mediterranean was a vast yet deeply interconnected world, not unlike our own. In spite of difficulties, people traversed it as traders, explorers, colonial invaders, refugees, pilgrims and even tourists. In this course, we will study both the practical realities of travel in the ancient Greco-Roman world and how the idea of journeys shaped and was shaped by these cultural contexts. We will navigate from Ithaca to Italy, from the

depths of the underworld all the way to the Moon, as we read foundational travel narratives from Homer, Apollonius of Rhodes, Vergil, Lucian, and Apuleius. We will discuss how these texts represent cultural interactions, and in particular how they construct foreign "others" as well as local identities, and how they interrogate the limits and possibilities of human knowledge. Finally, we will observe how these texts themselves contribute to the emergence of a genre of travel narratives, with influences stretching to the modern day. All readings will be in English

Class Format: Class meetings will likely be primarily virtual, with potential for some in-person meeting opportunities.

Requirements/Evaluation: class participation, several short writing assignments, quizzes, final paper

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: Classics and comparative literature majors and prospective majors

Expected Class Size: 12

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

CLAS 231(D1) COMP 253(D1)

Not offered current academic year

CLAS 235 (S) The Garden in the Ancient World

Cross-listings: ENVI 232 / REL 235 / COMP 235

Primary Cross-listing

Drawing on the literature, art, and archaeology of ancient gardens and on real gardens of the present day, this course examines the very nature and experience of the garden and the act of gardening. Using a multi-disciplinary approach, we will explore the garden as a paradise; as a locus for philosophical discussion and religious encounter; as a site of labor, conquest, and resistance; and as a place for solace, inspiration, and desire. This course will be grounded in crucial readings from antiquity, such as the Hebrew Bible, Homer, Sappho, Cicero, Lucretius, Vergil, Horace, Columella, and Augustine, and in the perspectives of more modern writers, from Jane Austen and Tom Stoppard to contemporary cultural historian George McKay. Ultimately, our goal is to analyze conceptions and expressions of beauty, power, and love-in the garden. All readings are in translation.

Requirements/Evaluation: class participation, short written assignments, and a final project

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: Classics majors

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ENVI 232(D1) REL 235(D2) COMP 235(D1) CLAS 235(D1)

Attributes: ENVI Humanities, Arts + Social Science Electives

Not offered current academic year

CLAS 237 (S) The Life of Ancient Cities: Building, Belonging, Trading and Dying in Greece and Rome

Cross-listings: HIST 237

Primary Cross-listing

In this course we explore ancient urbanism, investigating Greco-Roman cities from the early archaic period through late antiquity. By analyzing a variety of primary sources -- literature, visual art, inscriptions, papyri, building remains -- dating from 750 B.C. to 300 A.D. and ranging geographically from Spain to central Asia, we will think critically about problems such as communal belonging, spatial interaction, social exclusion, monuments, memories, and identities in urban contexts. Athens and Rome will beckon along the way, but numerous places around the Mediterranean basin and beyond will feature prominently, including Pompeii in southern Italy, Olynthus in Macedonia, Cyrene in North Africa, Ephesus and Priene in western Asia Minor, Alexandria and Berenike in Egypt, and Dura Europos and Ai Khanoum in Central Asia. Every week, we will tackle a core question

associated with life in the ancient city: the challenges of urban design, the tensions associated with civic membership, the consolidation of political institutions, the conflicts brought about by trade and migration, the role of religion, the effects of war, the universal reality of social exclusion, cultural expressions of life and death, and the impact of sudden natural catastrophes, among others.

Requirements/Evaluation: Class participation in discussion, various written assignments leading toward the development and completion of a research paper on a topic of the student's choosing.

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limit: 20

Enrollment Preferences: Majors and intending majors in Classics and History

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

HIST 237(D2) CLAS 237(D1)

Attributes: HIST Group P Electives - Premodern

Spring 2024

SEM Section: 01 W 1:10 pm - 3:50 pm Thursday Org Mtg 7:30 pm - 7:55 pm Felipe Soza

CLAS 241 (S) Sex and Gender in Ancient Greece and Rome

Cross-listings: COMP 241 / WGSS 241

Primary Cross-listing

From the household to the marketplace, from sacred spaces to the political arena, sexuality and gender shaped a broad range of attitudes and actions in the ancient Mediterranean world. This course investigates a variety of discourses and practices around sexuality and gender in ancient Greece and Rome with the aim of promoting students' capacity to evaluate claims and dismantle false assumptions about the continuity of the "classical" past with contemporary norms and values. We will carefully analyze, contextualize, and compare a variety of texts, including selections from tragic and comic drama, epic and lyric poetry, handbooks, epitaphs, novels and biography in order to better understand how gender and sexuality were expressed, experienced, and regulated in Greece and Rome. Our emphasis will be on ancient texts, but selections from contemporary criticism and theory will enrich the methodological frameworks through which we approach the primary sources.

Requirements/Evaluation: five to six weekly tutorial papers, five to six responses, a midterm self-evaluation and conference with instructor, a mid-length final paper (approximately eight pages) consisting of a revision and expansion of a previously written paper

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 10

Enrollment Preferences: majors or intended majors in Classics, WGSS, and Comparative Literature

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

CLAS 241(D1) COMP 241(D1) WGSS 241(D2)

Spring 2024

TUT Section: T1 Cancelled

CLAS 243 (S) The Nature of Work

Cross-listings: ARTH 245 / COMP 285

Primary Cross-listing

Work is something that touches the lived experience and historical realities of almost every human being in every time and place. But how did ancient

Mediterranean societies and cultures define and deploy the concepts of "work" and "working," as both an activity and as discourse? This is a question that has received remarkably little attention, in part since modern scholars have all too often followed the lead of elite authors, who obscure the nature of work through their focus on its products: agricultural prosperity, material luxury, urban grandeur, etc. In this course, we will seek to shed light on the world of work in antiquity, to better understand both the experiences of those who worked for a living across an array of spheres and professions, and the value of work as a cultural, aesthetic, and literary concept. Special topics will include: the place of work in conceptions of a "golden age"; the literary topoi of work (like the idle shepherd or the virtuous peasant); representations of "heroic work" (most famously, the Labors of Hercules); the elision or erasure of non-elite labor for elite audiences in art and text; the iconography of work in painting, mosaic, and sculpture; and investigations into specific trades, crafts, and other forms of "making" (from midwifery to shoe making). Readings will be a combination of primary and secondary sources. All readings will be in translation.

Requirements/Evaluation: class participation; several short writing assignments; final paper

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 24

Enrollment Preferences: Classics majors, Art History majors, Comp Lit majors, and intending majors

Expected Class Size: 20

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ARTH 245(D1) COMP 285(D1) CLAS 243(D1)

Not offered current academic year

CLAS 270 (S) Reading Jesus, Writing Gospels: Christian Origins in Context (WS)

Cross-listings: REL 270 / COMP 263

Secondary Cross-listing

What were the religious and cultural landscapes in which Christianity emerged? How did inhabitants of the ancient Mediterranean world speak about the concept and significance of religion? How have scholars of early Christianity answered these questions? What are the implications of their reconstructions of early Christian history? The course is divided into four parts. The first part establishes the courses's interpretive approach. The second part of this course explores aspects of the formation of Christianity from its origins as a Jewish movement until its legalization. The third part of the course focuses on the earliest literature produced to memorialize Jesus. The final part of the course emphasizes modern interpretations of Jesus and the movement of which he was a part; here we shall be examining how scholars make use of ancient materials to frame their arguments and the modern contexts and legacies of making meaning out of biblical and other ancient materials.

Class Format: lecture/discussion

Requirements/Evaluation: three 3-page papers (with revisions), one 5- to 7-page paper (that builds on one of the earlier 3 page papers), and a final paper (7-10 pages, that draws on some of the earlier writing in addition to new writing)

Prerequisites: none; open to all

Enrollment Limit: 19

Enrollment Preferences: sophomores, especially potential majors in Religion, Classics, and Comparative Literature

Expected Class Size: 19

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

REL 270(D2) COMP 263(D1) CLAS 270(D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Students will write a series of short essays, with required revisions, to develop their skills in close reading of ancient texts and interpretive analysis of modern scholarship about Christian origins. In each successive section of the course, writing from the prior unit will inform the subsequent papers.

Spring 2024

SEM Section: 01 MR 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm Denise K. Buell

CLAS 306 (S) The Good Life in Greek and Roman Ethics

Cross-listings: PHIL 306

Secondary Cross-listing

Most thoughtful human beings spend a good deal of time musing about how we ought to live and about what counts as a good life for a human being. The philosophers of ancient Greece and Rome were among the first thinkers to develop rigorous arguments in response to such musings. Much of the moral philosophy produced in Greece and Rome remains as relevant today as when it was written. In this course, we will examine some central texts in ancient Greek and Roman moral philosophy. We will begin by reading some of Plato's early dialogues and his *Republic*. We will then turn to Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*. We will then examine writings in the Stoic and Epicurean traditions, as well as Cicero's *On the Ends of Good and Evil*. As we proceed through the course, we will look at the way in which each thinker characterizes happiness, virtue and the relation between the two. We will also pay close attention to the way in which each of these thinkers takes the practice of philosophy to play a key role in our realization of the good human life.

Requirements/Evaluation: several short response pieces; a final paper of 10-15 pages; active participation in seminar discussion

Prerequisites: Phil 201 will be helpful but is not necessary.

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: Philosophy majors

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

PHIL 306(D2) CLAS 306(D1)

Attributes: PHIL History Courses

Not offered current academic year

CLAS 307 (F) Augustine's Confessions

Cross-listings: REL 303 / PHIL 307

Secondary Cross-listing

No thinker has done more to shape the Western intellectual tradition than Augustine (354-430 CE), and no book displays Augustine's dynamic vision of reality more compellingly than the *Confessions*. Its probing and intimate reflections on the meaning of human life, the nature of God and mind, time and eternity, will and world, good and evil, love and sexuality have challenged every generation since Augustine's own. The seminar will be structured around a close, critically engaged reading of the *Confessions* (in English translation) and will give attention to its historical context and significance as well as to its philosophical and theological ideas. (There will be optional, supplementary opportunity to engage with the Latin text for interested students with some facility with Latin.)

Class Format: Class meetings will consist primarily in student presentations and open, directed discussion of assigned readings.

Requirements/Evaluation: Regular reading assignments from the *Confessions* and related secondary literature. Weekly participation in online discussion on Glow (15% of final grade); 3 class presentations (of various lengths and kinds) (20%); a short paper (maximum 1500 words) due around the middle of the semester (20%); a term paper in two drafts (maximum 3000 words) due near and the end of the semester (40%); preparation for and participation in class that shows thoughtful engagement with the assigned readings (5%).

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: Advanced students in Philosophy, Religion and/or Classics

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: yes pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

CLAS 307(D1) REL 303(D2) PHIL 307(D2)

Attributes: PHIL History Courses

Not offered current academic year

CLAS 330 (S) Plato (WS)

Cross-listings: PHIL 330

Secondary Cross-listing

Plato is one of the most important and influential thinkers in the history of the western tradition. His depiction of the trial and death of Socrates is one of the classics of western literature, and his views on ethics and politics continue to occupy a central place in our discussions 2400 years after they were written. It is, in fact, quite difficult to get through any course of study in the liberal arts without some familiarity with Plato. Nevertheless, comparatively few people realize that the views we commonly think of as "Platonic" represent only one strand in Plato's thought. For example, we commonly attribute to Plato a theory of the Forms on the basis of his claims in the so-called "middle dialogues" (mainly Republic, Phaedo, and Symposium). However, in his philosophically more sophisticated and notoriously difficult later dialogues (such as the Parmenides, Philebus, Sophist and Statesman), Plato engages in radical criticism and revision of his earlier views. In this course, we will spend the first third of the semester attempting to understand the metaphysics and epistemology in Plato's middle dialogues. We will spend the balance of the semester coming to grips with Plato's arguments in the later dialogues. We will read several complete dialogues in translation, and will also read a wide variety of secondary source material.

Class Format: lecture/discussion; this class will be a roughly equal mixture of lectures, student presentations, and seminar discussion

Requirements/Evaluation: students will be expected to prepare a seminar presentation, to write several focused short analytical pieces, and to write a 15- to 20-page term paper in multiple drafts

Prerequisites: PHIL 101, PHIL 102 or permission of instructor; a prior course in logic will be extremely helpful, but is not necessary

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: upper-level Philosophy and Classics majors

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1) (WS)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

PHIL 330(D2) CLAS 330(D1)

Writing Skills Notes: Instructor will provide regular commentary on papers.

Attributes: PHIL History Courses

Not offered current academic year

CLAS 436 (F) Interspecies beings: demigods and monsters in art and culture, ancient to modern

Cross-listings: ARTH 511

Secondary Cross-listing

Horse-men, cat-women, bull-men, mermaids, snake-people: interspecies creatures are everywhere in ancient Greek and Roman art and poetry. Embodied in satyrs, sphinxes, centaurs, nymphs, and other part-human, part-animal beings is an alternative evolutionary and cultural history. In it, humans and animals live as one. There is no distinction between nature and culture. Male and female are equal. The industrial revolution never happens. This course traces the history of interspecies beings from their origin in ancient Greek art and poetry until today. Three points are important: 1) the relationship between the imagery and ancient political theory about "primitive" life; 2) evolving conceptions of biology and the environment, and 3) the role played by interspecies beings in the conceptualization of what is possible in art. The first half of the course examines the origins and character of interspecies beings in works of ancient art such as the Parthenon, and in ancient writers including Hesiod and Ovid. We examine relevant religious practices, materialist conceptions of nature, and biological theories of speciation, in Empedokles, On nature, Euripides' Bakchai, Plato's Phaidros, and Lucretius' De rerum natura. The second half of the course investigates the survival of classical monsters in the work of early-modern artists such as Botticelli, Michelangelo, Titian, and Dürer, and the rediscovery of ancient materialist theory. We consider the role played by interspecies beings in the formation of late modernism in art and literature. Key texts include Rousseau and Hobbes, Nietzsche's Birth of Tragedy, Mallarmé's "L'Après midi d'une faun," and Stoppard's Arcadia. Problems include the relationship between nymphs and sex-workers in Manet, the meaning of the Minotaur in Picasso, and the interest in interspecies beings in the work of women surrealists such as Leonora Carrington. We conclude with contemporary popular culture such as the Hunger Games.

Class Format: Lecture and discussion.

Requirements/Evaluation: The requirements of the course include: attendance and participation in discussion; preparing summaries/analyses of reading assignments for discussions; one presentation on a research project, and one 20-page paper on the research project.

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: Priority goes to graduate students in art history. If space is available, senior art-history majors, classics majors, and environmental studies majors may enroll.

Expected Class Size: 10

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Unit Notes: This course will satisfy the seminar requirement in art history.

Distributions: (D1)

This course is cross-listed and the prefixes carry the following divisional credit:

ARTH 511(D1) CLAS 436(D1)

Attributes: ARTH pre-1800

Fall 2023

SEM Section: 01 W 1:00 pm - 3:50 pm Guy M. Hedreen

CLAS 493 (F) Senior Thesis: Classics

Recommended for all candidates for the degree with honors. This project will normally be of one semester's duration, in addition to a Winter Study.

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

Fall 2023

HON Section: 01 TBA Amanda R. Wilcox

CLAS 494 (S) Senior Thesis: Classics

Recommended for all candidates for the degree with honors. This project will normally be of one semester's duration, in addition to a Winter Study.

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

Spring 2024

HON Section: 01 TBA Amanda R. Wilcox

CLAS 497 (F) Independent Study: Classics

Classics independent study. Students with permission of the department may enroll for independent study on select topics not covered by current course offerings.

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

Fall 2023

IND Section: 01 TBA Amanda R. Wilcox

CLAS 498 (S) Independent Study: Classics

Classics independent study. Students with permission of the department may enroll for independent study on select topics not covered by current course offerings.

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

Spring 2024

IND Section: 01 TBA Amanda R. Wilcox

CLAS 499 (S) Senior Colloquium

This two-semester course is required for all senior Classics majors and usually meets four times each semester. Our activities vary from year to year but normally include presentations by seniors who are taking independent studies or writing Honors theses in Classics, as well as meetings with guest speakers and distinguished visiting professors. Although required for the Classics major, this is a non-credit course and does not count toward the number of semester courses required for the Classics major or for graduation. Senior majors are expected to attend every colloquium unless excused in advance.

Class Format: colloquium

Grading: non-graded

Distributions: No divisional credit

Not offered current academic year

Winter Study -----

CLAS 11 (W) Fundamentals of Baking

Baking is at once both precise and intuitive. This course will empower novice bakers with the knowledge and confidence to make baking their own. We will focus on the "how" and "why" of baking to understand what's occurring as each ingredient goes into the mix. Students will bake alongside the instructor as well as on their own, tweaking, troubleshooting, and customizing recipes. Over three weeks, students will experiment with cookies, quick breads, and cakes, and the final week will be dedicated to a project of their own choosing. Readings will supplement this hands-on course.

Requirements/Evaluation: Presentation(s); Creative project(s)

Prerequisites: None.

Enrollment Limit: 12

Enrollment Preferences: Students with little to no baking experience will receive priority. If the course is overenrolled, students will be asked to submit a short application.

Expected Class Size: NA

Grading: pass/fail only

Unit Notes: Caleb Wolfson-Seeley is the head baker at Caretaker Farm in Williamstown.

Materials/Lab Fee: \$25

Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses

Winter 2024

LEC Section: 01 MWF 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Caleb Wolfson-Seeley

CLAS 13 (W) Advanced Techniques in Baking

This course will build upon students' basic baking skills to increase confidence and understanding of more technically challenging topics. Students will expand their repertoire, refine techniques with tips and advice, and have fun baking in a community atmosphere. Over three weeks, students will experiment with bread, laminated pastry, and pies and tarts, and the final week will be dedicated to a project of their own choosing. Readings will supplement this hands-on course.

Requirements/Evaluation: Presentation(s); Creative project(s)

Prerequisites: Students should be comfortable with basic baking techniques.

Enrollment Limit: 12

Enrollment Preferences: Students who took Fundamentals of Baking during a previous Winter Study will receive priority. If the course is overenrolled, students will be asked to submit a short application.

Expected Class Size: NA

Grading: pass/fail only

Unit Notes: Caleb Wolfson-Seeley is the head baker at Caretaker Farm in Williamstown.

Materials/Lab Fee: \$25

Attributes: EXPE Experiential Education Courses

Winter 2024

LEC Section: 01 MWF 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Caleb Wolfson-Seeley

CLAS 15 (W) Writing Together

Do you have a piece of writing you have been longing to create, but have trouble making the time and maintaining focus? The purpose of this Winter Study is to give ourselves a dedicated time to write while fostering our human connection, by writing together in the same time and space and by listening to each other's work, giving special attention to its strengths. Most of each class meeting will be devoted to the action of generating new work, with some time reserved for sharing and/or discussion of the writing process. So - if you have a novel, memoir, collection of songs or poems, or any other kind of writing that is calling out to be nurtured and grown - come write with us this winter.

Class Format: In addition to writing together in our designated classroom space, we will experiment with writing in different locations on and around campus, including in cafes, libraries, and museums.

Requirements/Evaluation: class participation, reading aloud and workshopping of written work, production of a substantial manuscript

Prerequisites: none

Enrollment Limit: 12

Enrollment Preferences: brief letter of application

Expected Class Size: 12

Grading: pass/fail only

Attributes: SLFX Winter Study Self-Expression STUX Winter Study Student Exploration

Winter 2024

STU Section: 01 Cancelled

CLAS 31 (W) Senior Thesis: Classics

May be taken by students registered for Classics 493-494.

Class Format: independent study

Grading: pass/fail only

Winter 2024

HON Section: 01 TBA Amanda R. Wilcox

CLAS 99 (W) Independent Study: Classics

Open to upperclass students. Students interested in doing an independent project (99) during Winter Study must make prior arrangements with a faculty sponsor. The student and professor then complete the independent study proposal form available online. The deadline is typically in late September. Proposals are reviewed by the pertinent department and the Winter Study Committee. Students will be notified if their proposal is approved prior to the Winter Study registration period.

Class Format: independent study

Grading: pass/fail only

Winter 2024

IND Section: 01 TBA Amanda R. Wilcox