



KIIS Greece, Summer 2018

HIST 490 Topics: Day to Day in Ancient Greece

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Syllabus subject to change

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

What did the ancients wear? eat? hate? love? How did they spend their days and nights? How did they survive without the car, movies, texting? How did they make their money? What did they think about the good life, death, politics, sex? Why do we care? This course will explore the ordinary lives of ancient Greeks—and of the Romans, Jews, and Christians who lived near them—as we wander their towns and poke our noses into what remains of their homes, temples, stores, streets.

II. PURPOSE:

Students will examine ancient values, cultural experiences, and institutions which are at the foundation of Western civilization. Through their experiences in Greece, students will explore how the traditions of the ancient Greeks live on.

III. COURSE OBJECTIVES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Students are expected to read widely in ancient texts and modern interpretations of those texts; to participate actively in analysis and discussion of ancient cultural experiences, institutions, and values; to experience Greek culture in art and architecture in museums and at various Greek sites; to synthesize the information they've gained in class and on their own and to apply it to a problem or topic of their own choosing in a final paper and project.

IV. COURSE OUTLINE:

Where Are We?/The Greeks and Their World/The Great Wars/Life in a Face-to-Face Culture/Epic Values/The Greeks at Home/Unheard, Unseen/Public Life/Entertainment and Sports ... more

V. INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Lectures and discussions; visits to cultural sites and museums.

VI. FIELD, CLINICAL, AND/OR LABORATORY EXPERIENCES:

This course is part of the KIIS summer study abroad in Greece and the Greek islands (the Greece trip).

VII. RESOURCES: None.

VIII. GRADING PROCEDURES:

Scale:

90 – 100 A

80 – 89 B

70 – 79 C

60 – 69 D

Below 60 E (F)

Students will keep a reflective journal, which will periodically be collected and graded. This journal and an in-class presentation will count for 40% of the final course grade. Students will also write a paper of 8-10 pages on a topic selected in consultation with the instructor. This paper will count for 30% of the final course grade. A midterm exam and several short quizzes will account for the last 30% of the final course grade.

IX. ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Students are expected to attend every class and to participate in out-of-class activities as directed by the instructor. KISS requires that any unexcused absence result in grade reduction, and multiple unexcused absences may result in expulsion from the program.

X. ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY:

Cheating, plagiarism (submitting another person's material as one's own), or doing work for another person which will receive academic credit are all impermissible. This includes the use of unauthorized books, notebooks, or other sources in order to secure or give help during an examination, the unauthorized copying of examinations, assignments, reports, term papers, or the presentation of unacknowledged material as if it were the student's own work. Disciplinary action may be taken beyond the academic discipline administered by the faculty member who teaches the course in which the cheating took place.

XI. TEXTS AND REFERENCES:

Required Text: Robert Garland, *Daily Life of the Ancient Greeks*. (revised edition Indianapolis: Hackett, 2008). ISBN-10: 0872209563 (paperback). This is also available on the Amazon Kindle (look up the hardback edition) and is eligible for textbook trade-back on amazon. If you find a cheap first edition, go ahead and buy it. We can adjust.

Please be aware that some of the material in this class may trigger disturbing thoughts or memories. Many of the works of art are explicit or nudes. Please feel free to step out of class if you feel uncomfortable or threatened.