

The Greeks and the East

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Objective: This course will focus on the Ancient Greeks' interactions with and views of the cultures of the East, including the Egyptians, Persians, Lydians, and peoples at the edges of the known world. By analyzing both Greek and Eastern sources, literary and material, we will examine the nature of these interactions and determine how the Greeks viewed other exotic cultures. We will also look at the lasting effects of these opposing viewpoints and how their effect can still be felt today.

Texts: Duff, T., *Plutarch: The Age of Alexander*, 2012, Penguin (ISBN 0140449353)

Strassler, R., *The Landmark Herodotus: The Histories*, Anchor (ISBN 1400031141)

* Other readings will be posted on the class Sakai page.

Grading: Exams (3 @ 75%); Quizzes (3 @ 25%)

Scale: A = 93-100; A- = 90-92; B+ = 87-89; B = 83-86; B- = 80-82; C+ = 77-79;

C = 73-76; C- = 70-72; D+ = 67-69; D = 63-66; D- = 60-62

- **Exam Dates:** 9/25; 10/28; 12/9

This course meets the requirements for Humanities (H) and International (I) credits.

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www.dso.ufl.edu/judicial/procedures/academicguide.php#3 (academic honesty)

ALL readings are REQUIRED. Please complete the day's readings BEFORE class.

Day	Topic	Readings
T 8/26	Introduction	
Th 8/28	The Bronze Age – Near East, Minoans	Web Link
Th 8/28	The Bronze Age – Mycenaeans, Trojan War	<i>Mycenaeans</i> Handout
T 9/2	The Bronze Age Collapse	<i>Bronze Collapse</i> Handout
Th 9/4	The Renaissance and Orientalizing Period	Web Link
Th 9/4	Colonization – al Mina	Web Link ; Handout
T 9/9	Ionia and Asia Minor	Herodotus 1.6-94
Th 9/11	Greek views of Early NE – Assyria	<i>Ctesias-Assyria</i> Handout
Th 9/11	Greek views of Early NE – Media and Persia	Herodotus 1.95-102, 1.123-130; Handouts: <i>Ctesias-Cyrus</i> ; <i>Sargon</i>
T 9/16	Rise of the Persians – Legend v. Reality	Weblink
Th 9/18	Darius and the Achaemenid Dynasty	Herodotus 3.73-88, <i>Ctesias-Tanyoxarkes</i> Handout
Th 9/18	Ionian Revolt and the Persian Wars	Herodotus 5.28-38; 5.97-103; 5.108-123; 6.1-32
T 9/23	Greco-Persian Wars and the Classical Period	6.107-117; 7.210-225; 8.40-97
Th 9/25	EXAM 1	
T 9/30	The Ten Thousand	Xenophon <i>Anabasis</i> Handout; Ctesias-Cunaxa Handout
Th 10/2	Greeks and Anatolia	Herodotus 1.7-45; Weblink Plato Handout
Th 10/2	Greeks and Egypt	Herodotus Book 2
T 10/7	Greeks and Egypt	Herodotus Book 2
Th 10/9	Greek Geography	Weblink
Th 10/9	The Eschatiai – The Scythians and Sakai	Herodotus 4.1-142
T 10/14	The Eschatiai - Ethiopians	Herodotus 2.137-140; 3.17-26
Th 10/16	The Eschatiai – India: Flora	Ctesias <i>Indika</i> F45
Th 10/16	Eschatiai – India: Fauna	Ctesias <i>Indika</i> F45a-F52
T 10/21	Eschatiai – India: Peoples	Ctesias <i>Indika</i> F45a-F52
Th 10/23	India after Alexander	Weblink ; Arrian – Indika
Th 10/23	Greeks in the East	Handout
T 10/28	EXAM 2	
Th 10/30	The 4 th C in Greece	2 nd Athenian League Handout
Th 10/30	The 4 th C in the East	Weblink
T 11/4	Philip of Macedon	Plutarch <i>Alexander</i>
Th 11/6	Alexander the Great	Plutarch <i>Alexander</i>
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T 11/11	NO CLASS	
Th 11/13	Alexander the Great and his legacy	Plutarch <i>Alexander</i>
Th 11/13	Alexander the Great and his Legacy	
T 11/18	The Hellenistic World – Seleucids	Weblink
Th 11/20	The Hellenistic World – Ptolemies	Weblink
Th 11/20	The Greco-Bactrian and Indo-Greek Kingdoms	Weblink Weblink2
T 11/24	Review	
Th 11/26	NO CLASS	
T 12/2	Greeks and the East – The Roman Period	Weblink
Th 12/4	Legacy of Greeks in the East	
T 12/9	EXAM 3	