

# Classics Capstone

## Time and Location

MWF, Period 8 (3:00 PM - 3:50 PM)  
Dauer Hall 0342

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## Prerequisites / Credits

Classics major with at least 18 credits of CLA and/or CLT courses and at least 8 credits of Latin or Ancient Greek.  
3 credits.

## Course presentation

Introduces scholarly literature on a significant topic in Classics and teaches research methodology. Students will write a research paper showing proper use of primary and secondary sources on the topic.

**Objectives:** Students will be expected to compose a senior thesis and give a presentation on their work. The thesis should offer a new perspective on any aspect of the Classical World. Topics will be decided upon with consultation of the instructor.

## Disclaimer

Students are encouraged to employ critical thinking and to rely on data and verifiable sources to interrogate all assigned readings and subject matter in this course as a way of determining whether they agree with their classmates and/or their instructor. No lesson is intended to espouse, promote, inculcate, or compel a particular feeling, perception, viewpoint, or belief.

## Weekly course schedule of topics and assignments

<b>Week 1</b>	Aug. 22	Introduction
<b>Week 2</b>	Aug. 25, 27, 29	Methodology of research (searching for sources)
<b>Week 3</b>	Sept. 3, 5	Methodology of research (writing a bibliography)
<b>Week 4</b>	Sept. 8, 10, 12	Methodology of research, <b>preliminary bibliography due</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	Sept. 15, 17, 19	Methodology of research
<b>Week 6</b>	Sept. 22, 24, 26	Individual meetings
<b>Week 7</b>	Sept. 29, Oct. 1, 3	Individual meetings, <b>annotated bibliography due</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	Oct. 6, 8, 10	Methodology of research (writing an abstract)
<b>Week 9</b>	Oct. 13, 15	Individual meetings
<b>Week 10</b>	Oct. 20, 22, 24	Individual meetings, <b>abstract due</b>
<b>Week 11</b>	Oct. 27, 29, 31	Individual meetings
<b>Week 12</b>	Nov. 3, 5, 7	Methodology of research, individual meetings
<b>Week 13</b>	Nov. 10, 12, 14	Individual meetings
<b>Week 14</b>	Nov. 17, 19, 21	<b>Presentations</b>
<b>Week 15</b>	Nov. 24, 26, 28	NO CLASS: Thanksgiving
<b>Week 16</b>	Dec. 1, 3	Individual meetings, final reflexions

No class on: Sept. 1: Labor day; Oct. 17: Homecoming; Nov.22-30: Thanksgiving

## Course requirements and grades

Students will be expected to participate actively in class discussions. In this regard, it is necessary to read and analyze in depth the assigned texts before coming to class. In order to foster good participation, cell phone use is prohibited during class, and eating or drinking should be kept at a minimum.

**Grading:** Annotated Bibliography (5%); Abstract (5%), Presentation (15%); Paper (75%)

## DUE DATES:

- Sept. 12 – Preliminary bibliography due at 8 pm
- Oct. 3 – Annotated bibliography due at 8 pm
- Oct. 24 – Abstract due at 8 pm
- Nov. 17 and 19– Presentations
- Dec. 6 – Final Paper due at 8 pm

## Class attendance and make-up works

Regular attendance and active participation are mandatory. I must have written documentation for any medical or other emergencies which result in a missed deadline.

More than one absence will cause your final grade to be penalized by five points for each subsequent unexcused absence. Arriving late or leaving early will count as 1/3 of an absence.

Requirements for class attendance and assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

**This course complies with all UF academic policies. For information on those policies and for resources for students, please see [this link](#).**

## ADA requirements

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the Disability Resource Center (Contact 352-392-8565, <https://disability.ufl.edu/>). It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

## Grading 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
E	below 60

See <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

For more information, see: <http://www.isis.ufl.edu/minusgrades.html>

## Course evaluation

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals (<https://evaluations.ufl.edu>). Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluer.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

## Honesty policy

University of Florida students are bound by the Honor Pledge. On all work submitted for credit by a student, the following pledge is required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Student Honor Code and Conduct Code (Regulation 4.040) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code, as well as the process for reported allegations and sanctions that may be implemented. All potential violations of the code will be reported to Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. If a student is found responsible for an Honor Code violation in this course, the instructor will enter a Grade Adjustment sanction which may be up to or including failure of the course. The Honor Pledge: "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity by abiding by the Student Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by Students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." If you have any questions, please ask.

See <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/resources-by-audience/faculty-and-staff/honor-code-syllabi/>

Certain assignments in this course will permit or even encourage the use of generative artificial intelligence (GAI) tools such as ChatGPT. **The default is that such use is forbidden unless otherwise stated. Any such use must be appropriately acknowledged and cited.** It is each student's responsibility to assess the validity and applicability of any GAI output that is submitted; you bear the final responsibility. Violations of this policy will be considered a violation of the Honor Code. I draw your attention to the fact that different classes at UF could implement different AI policies; it is your responsibility to conform to expectations for each course.

## Campus Resources

### Health and Wellness

*U Matter, We Care:* If you or a friend is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) or 352-392-1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.

*Counseling and Wellness Center:* Visit [www.counseling.ufl.edu/](http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/) or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.

*Student Health Care Center:* call 392-1161 or visit [www.shcc.ufl.edu/](http://www.shcc.ufl.edu/) for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need.

*UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center:* For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; <https://ufhealth.org/locations/uf-health-shands-emergency-room-trauma-center/>

*University Police Department:* 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies). <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>

### Academic Resources

*E-learning technical support,* 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to [helpdesk@ufl.edu](mailto:helpdesk@ufl.edu). <https://elearning.ufl.edu/student-help/keep-learning/quickstart-guide-for-students/> They can help e.g. with Canvas.

*Career Connections Center,* Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling. <https://career.ufl.edu/>

*Library Support,* <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

*Teaching Center,* Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. <http://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>

*Writing Studio,* 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. <http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>

*Student Complaints On-Campus:* <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/>

*On-Line Students Complaints:* <http://distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process/>