

The Hellenistic World

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Objective: This course will focus on the campaigns of Alexander the Great and the aftermath of his conquests until the death of Cleopatra in 31 BCE. We will cover the establishment of the Hellenistic kingdoms and the complex and violent political history of the period. Particular attention will be paid to the institutions and structures of the kingdoms, their cultural exchanges with non-Greeks, and the spread of Hellenism throughout the Mediterranean world.

Texts: Chamoux, F. *Hellenistic Civilization*, Wiley-Blackwell ISBN 978-0631222422

Grading: Oral Presentations (2 @ 25% each); Paper (50 %)

Scale: A = 90-100; B+ = 87-89; B = 80-86; C+ = 77-79; C = 70-76; D = 60-69.

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

This course is conducted in compliance with all University of Florida policies regarding special needs, academic honesty, and absences for emergencies, religious holidays, and extra-curricular activities. For details see www.dso.ufl.edu/osd (special needs);

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

Week 1: Introduction
Week 2: Philip and Alexander
Week 3: The Diadochi
Week 4: Ptolemies

Week 5: Seleucids

Week 6: Antigonids

Week 7: Hellenistic Art
Week 8: Civic life
Week 9: Spring Break
Week 10: Systems of government
Week 11: Daily Life
Week 12: Religion
Week 13: Architecture
Week 14: Literature

Readings

Chamoux 7-37,
Chamoux 39-65
Chamoux 66-74; 102-106; 132-139
154-164
Chamoux 75-80; 101-102; 106-114
119-125; 140-141
Chamoux 81-101; 106-109; 114-119;
128-131
Chamoux 373-392
Chamoux 165-213

Chamoux 214-254
Chamoux 255-282; 293-298
Chamoux 323-352
Chamoux 282-293
Chamoux 313-322; 353-372