HIEU 160 Topics in the History of Greece: Ancient Greek Warfare

Time: Tuesday 1:00-3:50 PM.

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This course will deal with a crucial aspect of ancient Greek life: warfare from the Mycenaean period on. The sources for it and well as their limitations will be discussed. Greek tactics and strategy will be analyzed. More importantly the impact of warfare on Greek society will be considered, its ideology, its motivation, its costs and the role was played in Greek contacts with Non-Greeks.

Grade Breakdown
Class Participation--------------------------------------------------------------- 10%

Midterm Paper--------------------------------------------------------------- 30%

Final Exam--------------------------------------------------------------- 60%

The Midterm Paper will be 10-15 pages on a mutually agreed topic. It will be due in class on February 19. Late papers will be reduced by one grade.

Final Exam: Friday, March 22

**Academic Honesty and Plagiarism:**
It is your responsibility to know and observe all university rules concerning academic honesty and plagiarism. Any student found to have committed a substantial violation of the university rules concerning academic honesty will fail the entire course. If you have any questions about the policies relating to academic honesty and plagiarism, please feel free to speak with me or your TA.

**Students with Disabilities**
Students requesting accommodations and services due to a disability for this course need to provide a current Authorization for Accommodation (AFA) letter issued by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD), prior to eligibility for requests. Receipt of AFAs in advance is necessary for appropriate planning for the provision of reasonable accommodations. OSD Academic Liaisons also need to receive current AFA letters. For additional information, contact the Office for Students with Disabilities: 858. 534.4382 (V); 858-534-9709 (TTY) – Reserved for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, email: osd@ucsd.edu OSD Website: [http://disabilities.ucsd.edu](http://disabilities.ucsd.edu)

**Required Texts**


**Recommended**

For those who need a short account of ancient Greek history:


This year to access electronic reserves you will need a password. The password for this course is **ms160**. The password is not case sensitive.
**Week 1**

January 8

Introduction, Sources, Mycenaean Society and Warfare, The Linear B evidence, the Problem of Homer, The End of the Mycenaean, the Sea peoples and Systems Collapse

Sage x-18

Warry 10-23


**Week 2**

January 15

Dark Age Society and Warfare, the heroic ideal, technological changes, the Greek revival of the late eighth and the development of new equipment, the beginnings of hoplite warfare

Hanson 40-51.

Sage 18-24


**Week 3**

January 22

Beginning of hoplite warfare continued, what happened in a hoplite battle, the ideology of hoplite warfare, battle as a contest, the organization and supply of war, the Spartan system

Hanson 27-39, 55-102.

Sage 25-38

Warry 34-39


**Week 4**

January 29

Recruitment, Supply, Military Command, Casualties, Women and War, Warfare and slavery, International Relations

Hanson 117-193

Sage 38-40, 55-58, 60-71


**Week 5**

February 5

Religion and War, the Economy, Imperialism

Hanson 194-228

Sage x, 100, 103-4, 123,127-128


**Week 6**

February 12

Persian and Peloponnesian Wars

Sage xix-xx1, 71-72, 75-78, 35-137 148-149, 152

Warry 24-34, 39, 40-53.


**Week 7**

February 19

Naval and Siege Warfare, Mercenaries


Warry naval 30-31, 33,88, 94; sieges, 48-50, 62-63, 78-81, 88-92, mercenaries 92-93


**Week 8**

February 26

The Aftermath of the Peloponnesian War, Social Problems, Developments in Hoplite Tactics and Light-armed Troops.

Sage 135-135-147.

Warry 54- 68
Hanson, V. D., “Epameinondas, the Battle of Leuktra (371 BC) and the Revolution in Greek Battle Tactics”, Classical Antiquity 7 (1988) 190-207.

Week 9
March 5
Philip II and Alexander
Sage xxiii-xxv, Philip II 158-159, 165-169, 179-181, Alexander 181-196
Warry 68-85

Week 10
Hellenistic Warfare
Sage 197-227
Warry 86-99