CLCS 280: Studies in Greek Warfare
Fall 2017; TTh 1:30-2:45; Stanley Coulter Rm. G040

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Course Description: Classics 280 will explore various aspects of ancient Greek warfare from the Bronze Age through the Hellenistic Era (1600-167 BC). Topics will include armaments, military training, battlefield tactics, logistics and requisitioning, infantry and cavalry formations, defensive architecture, artillery, naval warships and tactics, siege warfare, and military finance. Students will analyze and recreate famous battles and discuss the physical and psychological toll of ancient warfare.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
NOTE: Course Requirements for Honors Students are described on separate sheet

Required Readings: AVAILABLE ON LINE AT WEBSITE
- Rauh, CLCS 181 Website: Classical World Civilizations
  [http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~rauhn/lecture_outlines_02.html]
• assigned readings (on line primary source readings and pdfs) including
  • P. De Souza, *War in the Ancient World*, (Blackwell, 2009)

**GRADING** will be based on 2 exams (1 Preliminary Review Exam and 1 Take Home Final Exam (30% each of total grade)), two in-class, multiple-choice quizzes based on the readings (10% each, dates TBA), an assigned team based “battle report” or class presentation (10%) and a 5-page paper or book report (10%). The class presentations can be done in groups or individually. The paper may be a write up of the class presentation, book report, or other short study. Although the presentations will be assigned and organized as groups, the report papers MUST be written individually. The Two Exams will be comprehensive and will comprise a combination of map test, multiple-choice section, and one long essay. The Final Exam will be assigned in the form of a take home exam. *Make-up exams are possible under extraordinary circumstances, but they are also more difficult than the originals.* Late Papers will be penalized.

**PRELIMINARY DUE DATES OF ASSIGNMENTS:**
Review Exam, Sept. 14; Quiz 1, Oct. 17; Quiz 2, Nov. 16;
TAKE HOME Final Exam TBA. Papers Due Monday Dec. 11. Battle Assignments will occur in the order listed in the syllabus below depending on order of selection.
Attendance policy will be determined according to the demand for review sheets: for these to be made available for the exams, attendance must be required (5 absences = 5% deduction from final grade, and so on).

Part One: Historical Overview (Aug 22 – Sept. 12)
Reading Assignment: Rauh, on line texts: Classical World Civilizations
http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~rauhn/lecture_outlines_02.html
The Bronze Age Near East, Ancient Egypt, Bronze Age Aegean Civilizations and the Collapse of Bronze Age Culture, Iron Age Near East Empires, Ancient India, Archaic Greece, Tyranny, and Democracy, External Conflict in the Greek World


**General Review Exam, Thursday Sept. 14 in class**

PART TWO: Greek Military Systems:
Sept. 19-28: Greek Infantry Tactics and Weaponry
Reading Assignment: Adcock, 1-28; De Souza, 101-117,
Primary Source: Herotodus Books 8-9; Thucydides, Books 4-5

Recommended: J.K. Anderson, Military Theory and Practice in the Age of Xenophon (Berkeley 1970); V.D. Hanson, The
Western Way of War (London 1989); A.M. Snodgrass, Arms and Armor of the Greeks (Baltimore 1999)

**Battle Assignments: Marathon, Thermopylae, Plataea, Sphacteria, Potidea, Cunaxa, Leuctra, Mantinea, Cynoscephalae**

Oct. 3 – 12: Greek Cavalry Tactics and Horse Equipment
Reading Assignment: Adcock, 47-63; De Souza, 67-85, 119-129;
Primary Source: Arrian 1.13-15 (Granicus); 2.6-13 (Issos);
3.8-3.15 (Gaugamela) Plut. 16; Diod. 17.19.1-3;

**Battle Assignments: Chaeronea, Granicus River, Issos, Gaugamela**

**October 17: Quiz 1 in class**

Oct. 19-24: Elephants and Other Hellenistic Considerations
Reading Assignment: Adcock, 47-63, 82-97, De Souza, 129-131;
Primary Source: Battle of Ipsus, 301 BC (Attalus, 301 BC, no. 18)

Recommended: H. H. Scullard, The Elephant in the Greek and Roman World (Aspects of Greek and Roman life), (Cornell UP, 1974)
Battle Assignments: Hydaspes River, Ipsus, Beneventum

Oct. 26-31: Greek Logistics
Reading Assignment:
Adcock, 64-81; Rauh, Greek Campfollowers Paper

Battle Assignment: Battle of Paraitakene / Gabiene (Antigonus vs. Eumenes); Battle of the Aous River 198 BC

Nov. 2-7: Greek Naval Tactics and weaponry
Reading Assignment: Adcock, 29-46; De Souza, 103, 116-117, 132-133;
Primary Source: Demetrius’ Naval Victory at Salamis (Attalus, 306 BC, no. 12)


Battle Assignments: Lade, Artemisium, Salamis, Arginusae, Aegospotami, Salamis

Nov. 9-21: Siege Warfare and Greek Fortification systems
Reading Assignment: Adcock, 47-64
Primary Source: Demetrius’ Siege of Rhodes, 305 BC (Attalus, 305 BC)
Recommended: E.W. Marsden, Greek and Roman Artillery (Oxford, 1969); McNicoll, Hellenistic Fortifications from the Aegean to the Euphrates (Oxford 1997)

**Battle Assignments:** 2 Sieges of Syracuse (415 BC; 214 BC); Siege of Halicarnassus, Siege of Tyre; Siege of Rhodes

**Tues. Nov. 16, Quiz 2 in class**

Nov. 28-30: Cultural and Social Impact of Greek Warfare

Dec. 5-8: TBA

**Final Exam TBA**