

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL STUDIES
COURSE SYLLABUS, Summer Distance 2024

Classical Studies 2300.650: *SPORT & RECREATION IN THE ANCIENT WORLD*

NOTE THAT ALL TESTS FOR THIS COURSE ARE IN-PERSON

Time and Place of the Class: Asynchronous online. All lectures for the week will be uploaded by Monday morning of that week under the “Content” Tab on our course site.

Instructor, Teaching Assistant, and Office Hours: Posted on the course site Rome with a view to its cultural and historical sport, how the logic of competition in the ancient world, archaeology, art, poetry, primary literary sources, practices and ideologies involved with ancient sport, violence of Roman sport and spectacle including gender and sport, the relationship between ancient and modern Olympic games, and the history of the modern Olympic games.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

On successful completion of this course students

- have acquired a knowledge of various kinds of ancient sport
- identify and analyze ancient art which depicts sport
- understand the role of archaeology in the study of ancient sport
- interpret ancient literary sources
- understand the ideals of Greek athletics and the history of the modern Olympic games.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Students completing this course can expect to:

- understand how recreational and sport activities were practiced in the ancient world
- understand the limits of ancient evidence
- appreciate how antiquity continues to influence modern sport and recreation

COURSE MATERIALS (all textbooks are required)

- Kyle, D.G. *Sport and Spectacle in the Ancient World* (2004)
- Miller, S. *Ancient Greek Athletics* (2004)
- Miller, S. *Arete: Greek Sports from Antiquity to the Present* (2004)

rd ed., 2004)

Link to course materials: https://bookstore.uwo.ca/textbook-search?campus=UWO&term=N2024&courses%5B0%5D=650_UW/CLA2300

EVALUATION (all tests are multiple-choice, in-person, and non-cumulative)

- Midterm 1, Thursday, May 23rd at 5:30 pm 20%
- Midterm 2,

Tentative Lecture Schedule

AGA = *Ancient Greek Athletics*

Sport = *Sport and Spectacle in the Ancient World*

Arete = *Arete: Greek Sports from Ancient Sources* (note: the *Arete* readings refer to **selections, not pages**)

May 6	Lecture 0. Introduction & The World of Greek Athletics Read: AGA 1-19; <i>Arete</i> §3-19
May 6	Lecture 1. Origins and Essences, Late Bronze Age Read: <i>Sport</i> 22-50
May 13	Lecture 2. Homer Read: AGA 20-30; <i>Arete</i> §1-2
May 13	Lecture 3. Events I & II: Running & Contact Sports Read: AGA ; <i>Arête</i> §20-46
May 20	Lecture 4. Events III & IV: Pentathlon & Equestrian Read: AGA ; <i>Arête</i> §47-72
May 20	Lecture 5. Panhellenic Games Read: AGA ; <i>Arête</i> §73-80
May 23	Midterm 1
May 27	Lecture 6. The Olympic Games Read: AGA 113-128; <i>Arete</i> §81-118
May 27	Lecture 7. The Money Games, Sparta Read: AGA 129-149; <i>Arete</i> §119-127
June 3	Lecture 8. Athletics in Archaic Greece Read: <i>Sport</i> 70-90; <i>Arete</i> §128-148
June 3	Lecture 9

NOTES:

1. All course material will be posted to Brightspace. You are responsible for checking the course site on a regular basis for news and updates. This is the primary method by which information will be disseminated to all students in the class.
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The Student Medical Certificate is available at
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5. Request for a re-grade must be made within three weeks of the test being handed back.
6. In fairness to all students, there is no extra credit or re-weighting of grades; I do not reply to emails that ask for these. If you have a disability or some other special situation, I urge you to speak to both your student advisor and Accessible Education.
7. You need to have any accommodations in place at least one week before a test in order for that accommodation to be given for the test. I cannot let you retake tests taking into account accommodations that were not in place when the quiz was posted.

Religious Accommodation

When a course requirement conflicts with a religious holiday that requires an absence from the University or prohibits certain activities, students should request accommodation for their absence in writing at least two weeks prior to the holiday to the course instructor and/or the Academic Counselling office of their Faculty of Registration. Please consult University's list of recognized religious holidays (updated annually) at

<https://multiculturalcalendar.com/ecal/index.php?s=c-univwo>.

Accommodation Policies

Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact Accessible Education, which pro e

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Western has many services and programs that support the personal, physical, social and academic needs of students with disabilities. For more information and links to these services:

<http://accessibility.western.edu/>