

Department of Classical Studies
Course Outline
CS2840A: Cleopatra: Histories, Dreams, and Distortions
Autumn 2024

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Midterm #1: 30%**

Midterm #2 (**non-cumulative**): 30%

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Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western (<https://uwo.ca/health/>) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

AI

No generative AI programs are to be used in this course.

COURSE OUTLINE:

PART ONE: ANCIENT SOURCES

Mon Sept 9

- **The Ptolemies; ancient Alexandria**
Reading: Schiff 20-27; Jones 3-30

Weds Sept 11

- **The Ptolemies; ancient Alexandria**

Mon Sept 16

- **Women in the Hellenistic and Roman world**

Weds Sept 18

- **Cleopatra's early life**
Reading: Schiff 27--38; Jones 31-45

Mon Sept 23

- **Caesar and Cleopatra**
Reading: Schiff 11-20, 38-87; Jones 46-93

Weds Sept 25

- **Caesar and Cleopatra**
Reading: Schiff 88-166

Mon Sept 30: NO CLASS: Nat'l Day of Truth & Reconciliation

Weds Oct 2

- **Cleopatra as Isis**

Mon Oct 7

****IN CLASS EXAM NO. 1****

****Please note that this assessment is central to the learning objectives for this course. Accordingly, students seeking academic consideration for this assessment will be required to provide formal supporting documentation. Students who are granted academic consideration for this assessment will be provided with the opportunity to make up this work by a make-up exam.**

Weds Oct 9

- **Antony and Cleopatra**
Reading: Reading: Schiff 167-199; Jones 94-128

OCT 14-18 READING BREAK: NO CLASSES

Mon Oct 21

- **Antony and Cleopatra; Cleopatra and Herod**
Reading: Schiff 201-236; Jones 129-179

Weds Oct 23

- **Antony and Cleopatra**
Reading: Schiff 237-278

Mon Oct 28

- **Antony and Cleopatra: death**
Reading: Schiff 279-324; Jones 180-204

Weds Oct 30

- **Antony and Cleopatra: death**

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