

CS 3210F

Instructor

My name is Dr. Gino Canlas and I am a new professor at Western. Please call me Gino. I have been a field archaeologist in Greece since 2009. I specialize in the archaeology of Greek sanctuaries from the Archaic to the Hellenistic periods. I work predominantly in the region of Thessaly where I will be starting a new archaeological field school for Western. Please feel free to email me or come to my office with any questions about the course or the Classical World in general.

Course Description

Technically speaking, there was not one single, unified system called “Greek religion” but a spectrum of diverse but related belief systems and practices, without a core doctrine, a canon of sacred texts, a professional clergy, or a central authority. The Greeks did not even have an all-encompassing equivalent for our modern word “religion”. In this class, we will study what we know about what we call “Greek religion” and how we know it, focusing on the Archaic to the Hellenistic periods (750 – 30 BC). In this class, we will study the Greek relationships with the divine, their rituals, practices, festivals, sacred sites, and the roles played by all of these in ancient Greek society.

Course Objectives

By the end of the course, successful students will:

- 1) Have acquired a strong foundational knowledge of the diversity of Greek religious beliefs and practices.
- 2) Be familiar with the roles of “religion” in ancient Greek society.

There will be one 45-minute in-

Any typographical errors in this syllabus are subject to change and will be announced in class and posted on OWL.

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Note from the Dean of Arts and Humanities

You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites and that you have not taken an antirequisite course. Lack of prerequisites may not be used as basis of appeal. If you are not eligible for a course, you may be removed from it at any time, and you will receive no adjustment to your fees. These decisions cannot be appealed.

Academic Consideration

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Academic Accommodation is “a means of adjusting the academic activities associated with a course or program of student in order to permit students with disabilities to participate in those activities at the University and to fulfill the essential requirements of a course or program.”

Course Schedule

FALL TERM

Week 1

1) Friday, September 6: Introduction to Ancient Greek Religion

Week 2: Greek Religion, Approaches and Origins

2) Monday, September 9

Readings: Burkert pp. 1-9

3) Wednesday, September 11

Week 7: Festivals and Calendars
17) Monday, October 21