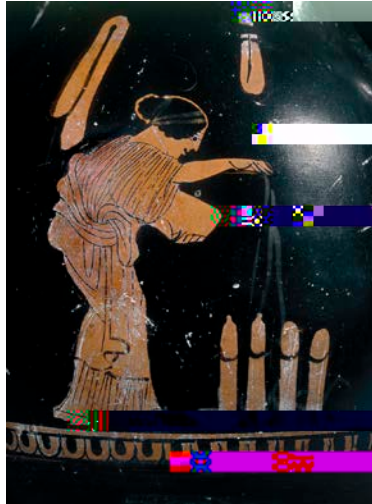


Department of Classical Studies
Course Outline
Classical Studies 3310F
WOMEN IN ANCIENT GREECE
AUTUMN 2024



INSTRUCTOR: Dr. K. Olson (kolson2@uwo.ca) she/her

OFFICE: Lawson Hall 3227 (661-2111 x 84525)

OFFICE HOURS: in person, Mondays, 4:00-5:00 PM or by appointment

TIME AND PLACE OF CLASS: see OWL

COURSE OBJECTIVES This course seeks to introduce students to the study of women and women's lives in Greek antiquity starting from a body of literary and artistic evidence. Marriage and childbearing, women and the law, women's occupations, and women in history and poetry will be explored from a variety of perspectives; powerpoint lectures will focus on such topics as women's artifacts, artistic portrayals of women, and female spaces in antiquity.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

On successful completion of this course students are expected to be able to:

- have acquired a knowledge of the socio-political role of women in ancient Greek culture and its expression in Greek art and literature
- read, comprehend, and sum up ancient literary sources in translation concerning women in ancient Greece
- understand the aesthetic developments of ancient Greek art that portray women
- engage in visual literacy; that is, apply strategies for looking at and interpreting art images of women in ancient Greek art, thereby cultivating more sound criteria for judgment

LEARNING OUTCOMES/TRANSFERABLE SKILLS:

Students completing this course are expected to have acquired:

- an understanding of the importance of historical perspective, and how social norms and customs, and the construction of gender, are products of time, events and context
- a developed understanding of the limits of primary evidence as embodying actual historical fact
- strong writing, research, analytical, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- MacLachlan, B. 2012.

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf.

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NOTES TO STUDENTS:

1. Since tests are given in class time, there can be no conflicts. **More than one test on the**

PART ONE: ARCHAIC GREECE

Weds Sept 11

- Categories of sex and gender con't
- Women in archaic literature: Homer and Hesiod; women in archaic art

Reading: MacLachlan 1-31

Frid Sept 13

- Sappho and the lyric poets

Reading: MacLachlan 32-49

Mon Sept 16

- Women in myth (goddesses, wild women, women and containers)

Weds Sept 18

- Women in myth (goddesses, wild women, women and containers) con't

PART TWO: THE CLASSICAL PERIOD

Frid Sept 20

- The female body and the nature of women I

Reading: MacLachlan 187-201

Mon Sept 23

- The female body and the nature of women II

Reading: Hanson, A. 1990. The medical writer's woman. In D. Halperin *et al* (eds) *Before Sexuality: the Construction of the Erotic Experience in the Ancient Greek World*. Princeton: 309-337. Carson, A. 1990. Putting her in her place: women, dirt and desire. In D. Halperin *et al* (eds) *Before Sexuality: the Construction of the Erotic Experience in the Ancient Greek World*. Princeton: 135-70. R. Blondell. 2013. *Helen of Troy: Beauty, Myth, Devastation*. Oxford: 1-26.

Weds Sept 25

- The young girl (the *parthenos*)

Reading: MacLachlan 56-57; Lewis 20-28

Frid Sept 27

- Clothing and adornment

Mon Sept 30: NO CLASS (Nat'l Day of Truth and Reconciliation)

Weds Oct 2

- The Greek wedding

Reading: Lewis 185-194; MacLachlan 57-59; Rehm, R. 1994. *Marriage to Death*: 11-29

Frid Oct 4

- Marriage in Greek law and life I

Reading: MacLachlan 59-65

Mon Oct 7

- Marriage in Greek law and life II

Reading: Lewis 172-77; Cox, C. 2011. Marriage in ancient Athens. In B. Rawson (ed). *A Companion to Ancient Greece*. Oxford: 103-120.

Reading: MacLachlan 75-77, 94-97; Lewis 91-98

Mon Nov 18

- Sex workers and sexuality I

Reading: MacLachlan 68-70, 98-113; Lewis 98-129, 194-199

Weds Nov 20

- Sex workers and sexuality II

Frid Nov 22

- Sex workers and sexuality III

Mon Nov 25

- Female homoeroticism

Reading: Rabinowitz, N. 2002. Excavating women's homoeroticism in ancient Greece. In *Among Women: From the Homosocial to the Homoerotic in the Ancient World*. Univ. of Texas Press: 106-66.

Weds Nov 27

- Female slaves

Reading: MacLachlan 77-78; Lewis 28-35; Golden, M. Slavery and the Greek family, in the *Cambridge World History of Slavery* (online)

Frid Nov 29 (essays due** anytime from now till Frid Dec 6)**

- Gender on the Athenian stage I

Reading: MacLachlan 131-149; Aristophanes *Assemblywomen* 877-1111 (on our OWL site); *Hecuba* 299-582, 726-904, 1056-end (to come).

Mon Dec 2

- Gender on the Athenian stage I

Weds Dec 4

- Religious life of women and girls

Reading: MacLachlan 115-129; Lewis 22-26, 43-54

PART THREE: THE HELLENISTIC ERA

Frid Dec 6

- Women in the Hellenistic era

Reading: MacLachlan 205-222