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The Department of Classics offers advanced study in the civilizations of the ancient Mediterranean, including literature and literary theory, history, philosophy, religion, science, art, and archaeology. The programs of the department lead to the Ph.D. degree and seek to prepare students for careers in teaching and research. They allow students to explore areas with which they are unfamiliar, as well as to strengthen their knowledge in those in which they have already developed a special interest.

The Classics faculty consists of active scholars, expert in one or more areas of classical studies. Apart from their influence through books and articles, the faculty has long been identified with the publication of Classical Philology, one of the leading journals devoted to classical antiquity. The diverse graduate student body at the University include students in a number of programs outside the Department of Classics who are also engaged in the study of the ancient world. The Oriental Institute, the Divinity School, the Committee on Social Thought, and the Departments of Art History, History, Linguistics, and Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations all have programs that focus on aspects of the classical period. The workshops supported by the Council for Advanced Studies, where graduate students, faculty, and visiting scholars present work in progress, are a further means of scholarly collaboration and training. The department currently sponsors workshops entitled Ancient Societies, Rhetoric and Poetics, and Ancient Philosophy, which involve participants from other areas as well.

RESEARCH AND LIBRARY RESOURCES

The University of Chicago Library owns over 11 million volumes in print and electronic form. Classics has been one of the Library’s strongest collections since its founding in 1891, when the University purchased the entire stock of an antiquarian bookstore in Berlin that specialized in classical philology, archaeology, and religion. Apart from current monographs, the library receives more than seven hundred serials devoted to ancient Greece and Rome and subscribes to the full range of electronic databases useful to ancient studies. Major editions of classical texts printed from the Renaissance through the eighteenth century are available in the Special Collections Research Center, which also houses collections of Greek and Latin manuscripts.

FINANCIAL AID (HTTPS://HUMANITIES.UCHICAGO.EDU/STUDENTS/FINANCIAL-AID/)

PhD students who matriculated in Summer 2020 and after will be guaranteed to have funding support from the University of Chicago, external sources, or a combination of the two for the duration of their program to include the following:

- Full tuition coverage
- Annual stipend
- Fully paid individual annual premiums for UChicago’s student health insurance (U-SHIP, the University Student Health Insurance Plan)
- Student Services Fee

We expect students to remain in good academic standing and to be making progress toward completing degree requirements.

Additional fellowships and awards are available to support language study, conference travel, and research travel.

TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

Teacher Training for Grad Students University of Chicago — Classics
Department of Classics

(For more information on how graduate student teaching works here, feel free to contact Colin Shelton colins3@uchicago.edu, who oversees our Pedagogical Training Plan.)

Teacher training at UChicago involves learning pedagogical theory, observing others teach, and taking command of a classroom on your own.

Most graduate programs in Classics give their students some opportunities to teach. This is what you can expect to teach in our program:

1) Drill Session Leader for First-Year Language - Our first-year language courses officially meet 3 hours a week. However, we also schedule a less formal 4th hour so students can get extra practice where they most need it. We call this extra hour the “Drill Session.” You will spend a quarter running this Drill Session in either Latin or Ancient Greek. This experience will give you a chance to start experimenting with designing activities, and running a classroom.

2) Graduate Student Lecturer for First-Year Language - You will also spend a quarter as the main lecturer for a section of first-year Latin or Ancient Greek. You will build on the experience you gained as Drill Session Leader, as you practice connecting multiple days of instruction, and help students achieve the long-term goals laid out in our curriculum.

3) Drill Session Leader for Second-Year Language - Second-year language courses also have a Drill Session. You will be Drill Session Leader for a quarter of second year language, so that you can get a sense of the special challenges that come from combining linguistic and cultural learning at the intermediate stage. You will typically get a chance to work in Ancient Greek if your first-year language experience was in Latin, or in Latin if you started out working in Ancient Greek.

4) Course Designer, and Graduate Student Lecturer for Second-Year Language - You will then design your own second-year language course, and get a chance to teach it. You will work closely with your colleagues, and the Language Program Coordinator, to design a course that aligns with our curricular goals. Then you will get a chance to road-test it, as it were. You will build on your previous teaching experiences by defining goals for your students, and helping them achieve them.

5) 6th Year Graduate Student Lecturer Experience - You will get one more teaching experience that moves beyond the language classroom. This may take many different forms. For instance, it could involve teaching in the “Core” (UChicago’s great books program), teaching a civilization course, teaching in another department, and/or teaching a course you have designed yourself.

In addition to giving our graduate students practical teaching experience, we also offer sustained formal training and mentoring in how to teach. In this way, we differ from some other graduate programs in Classics. These are the formal training components you can expect to take part in:

1) Workshop: “Language Pedagogy for the Contemporary Classroom” This quarter-long workshop is offered with the Chicago Language Center. The first half of the workshop is joint for both ancient and modern language teachers, and covers fundamental principles of language teaching and learning. In the second half of the workshop, ancient and modern languages divide into separate sections to discuss issues particular to their own disciplines. In the ancient language section, we focus on topics like the psychology of reading, best practice for grammar instruction, and the particular challenges of using authentic, non-pedagogical texts.

2) Workshop: “Teaching@” This workshop, offered by the Chicago Center for Teaching, orients new teachers to the policies, expectations, and environment of the University of Chicago.

3) Weekly Team Meetings for First-Year Language Teachers When you are Drill Session Leader, or Main Teacher for a first-year language course, a weekly meeting with your fellow instructors, and the Classics Language Program Coordinator, gives you chance to workshop ideas, and discuss emergent problems. The Language Program Coordinator is on hand to walk you through different activity types, and explain the rationale for teaching strategies as varied as using spoken Latin, English-to-Greek translation, or paradigm chanting.

4) Classics Course Design Working Group This Working Group brings together students who are designing their own classes. Working with the Language Program Coordinator, participants learn how to set realistic course goals and assess student progress towards them, as well as how to make courses accessible to a wider range of learners. Participants observe faculty teaching, and workshop their own syllabi and assignments. They have the chance to get feedback from peers and from professional teachers at the university.

5) Course: “Pedagogy of Writing” In preparation for the 6th year teaching experience, students take this one-quarter course in the university’s Writing Center. The course shows how to build more effective writing assignments, and how to incorporate them into the wider framework of a course.

There are many additional workshops and courses that students can take in the Chicago Center for Teaching (CCT), the Chicago Language Center (CLC), and the Writing Center. Students who elect to teach in the Humanities Core also receive additional training from the Core program. The CCT and CLC also offer certificate programs in areas like Inclusive Pedagogy.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

The department offers a Ph.D. degree in Classics with four concentrations: Classical Languages and Literatures, the Ancient Mediterranean World, Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy, and Transformations of the Classical Tradition, as well as a joint Ph.D. in Social Thought and Classics.

The first two years of our PhD programs are typically comprised of course work including two-quarter surveys of Greek and Latin literature, two-quarter research seminars, and pedagogy training, as well as additional seminars, language courses, and courses in the skills that comprise the study of classics, such as
papyrology and epigraphy. We encourage our students to direct their coursework towards the development of
dissertation topics, using departmental seminars to explore particular texts or problems in depth and workshops
to test their own research ideas and acquaint themselves with the research strategies of faculty members and
graduate students inside and outside our department. Students take translation examinations in Greek and Latin
during their first two years.

In the third and fourth year, our PhD students take specialized examinations: a comprehensive exam and
a special field exam, tailored to their research interests. They also assemble a dissertation committee and draft
a dissertation proposal in order to be admitted to candidacy. By this time, students will have demonstrated
competence in reading both German and French, Italian or Spanish through the University’s Academic Reading
Comprehension Assessment. Having completed our pedagogical seminar, they continue their pedagogical
training by holding teaching assistantships and then teaching undergraduate classes.

We offer the following concentrations:

CLASSICAL LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

The study of literature in Greek and Latin lies at the center of all the fields covered by the Department of
Classics. The differences are in how each field construes textual evidence and defines the parameters of the
literary. The Program in Classical Languages and Literatures makes literature and literary culture the focus of its
curriculum. Our faculty represent a wide range of approaches and read literature in relation to: animal studies,
gender, law, performance studies, philosophy, politics, religion, rhetoric, and ancient Greek and Roman society.
In addition to courses originating in Classics, students may also take offerings from Comparative Literature, the
Committee on Social Thought, the Divinity School, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, and the various
modern literature departments. The department houses the Rhetoric and Poetics workshop, which focuses on
literary topics related to the ancient world. Many of the faculty and students also attend the workshops on Poetry
and Poetics, Literature and Philosophy, and the Renaissance.

ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN WORLD

Through the Departments of Classics, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, and History, the University
of Chicago offers graduate students the opportunity to study the Ancient Mediterranean and the Near East from
the Bronze Age to the Byzantine era. While students are expected to familiarize themselves with the important
political developments that occurred in the ancient Mediterranean world, the study of ancient history at the
University of Chicago is particularly distinctive for its emphasis on social, economic, and cultural approaches to
antiquity. The recognized strengths of the Classics faculty in this area are further complemented by the expertise
of a large number of affiliated faculty from the Departments of History, Anthropology, Art History, Near Eastern
Languages and Civilizations, and the Divinity School. Apart from acquiring a firm grounding in the critical
interpretation of literary documents, inscriptions, and archaeological finds, students are encouraged to pursue
innovative and imaginative avenues of inquiry, partly through their own programs of study and partly within
the context of intellectual forums such as the Ancient Societies Workshop and various conferences and symposia
organized by the Department. Students are also eligible for travel fellowships to allow them to conduct first-hand
investigations in the Mediterranean and Near East.

ANCIENT GREEK AND ROMAN PHILOSOPHY

The Department of Classics, Department of Philosophy, and Committee on Social Thought collaborate to
offer graduate students the opportunity to take a rich variety of courses and do research on ancient Greek and
Roman philosophy. Furthermore, the Chicago Consortium on Ancient Philosophy offers the opportunity to take
courses at any of the three member institutions (the University of Illinois at Chicago, Northwestern University,
and the University of Chicago) and receive credit for these courses in the Classics Department. At Chicago,
students are invited to take part in both the Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy Workshop and the Literature
and Philosophy Workshop.

TRANSFORMATIONS OF THE CLASSICAL TRADITION

Students at the University of Chicago can study the reception of ancient thought and literature in a wide
range of historical and geographical contexts. Classics faculty publish widely in the field of reception studies and
work closely with faculty in other departments on the reception of ancient poetry, drama, and political theory. In
consultation with the Director of Graduate Studies, students can devise a program of courses that focus on key
texts or ideas in either Greek or Latin, and the reception, development, and transformation of these texts in one
of the modern languages. We partner with faculty in Art History, the Committee on Social Thought, Comparative
Literature, Germanic Studies, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Romance Languages & Literatures, and the
Divinity School.

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Students seeking a master’s degree should apply to the Master of Arts Program in the Humanities (MA PH),
a three-quarter program of interdisciplinary study in a number of areas of interest to students. MAPH students
take courses with students in the Ph.D. programs. Further details about the MAPH program are available at
http://maph.uchicago.edu/
APPLICATION

The application process for admission and financial aid for all graduate programs in the Division of the Humanities is administered through the divisional Office of the Dean of Students. The Application for Admission and Financial Aid, with instructions, deadlines and department specific information is available online at: http://humanities.uchicago.edu/students/admissions.

Questions about admissions and aid should be directed to humanitiesadmissions@uchicago.edu or (773) 702-1552.

International students must provide evidence of English proficiency by submitting scores from either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). (Current minimum scores, etc., are provided with the application.) For more information, please see the Office of International Affairs website at https://internationalaffairs.uchicago.edu/, or call them at (773) 702-7752.

COURSES

The two quarter surveys of Greek and Latin literature, and Greek and Latin prose composition, are offered in alternate years. The courses listed below are offered regularly, normally on a three-year rotating basis. In addition, new courses are frequently introduced, especially seminars and classics courses, and these cannot be predicted very far in advance. In recent years, courses included seminars on Early Rome, Tragedy and the Tragic, A History of Rhetoric, Greek Tragedy in Africa, Juvenal, The Ancient Economy, Oral Poetries, The Poetry of Death, Security in Latin Literature, Stoics and Epicureans, and Holderlin and the Greeks.

GREEK

Greek Philosophy.
Greek Tragedy.
Lyric and Epinician Poetry.
Greek Epic.
Greek Oratory.
Hellenistic and Imperial literature.
Greek Comedy.
Greek Historians.

LATIN

Roman Elegy.
Roman Novel.
Virgil.
Post-Virgilian Epic
Roman Historians.
Roman Comedy.
Lucretius.
Roman Satire.
Roman Oratory.

CLASSICS COURSES

CLAS 30091. Field Archaeology. 100 Units.
This course entails four weeks of full-time, hands-on training in field archaeology in an excavation directed by a University of Chicago faculty member. At the Tell Keisan site in Israel, students will learn techniques of excavation and digital recording of the finds; attend evening lectures; and participate in weekend field trips. Academic requirements include the completion of assigned readings and a final written examination. For more information about this archaeological field opportunity in Summer 2020, see http://keisan.uchicago.edu. Students who are enrolled in this course will pay a Summer Session tuition fee in addition to the cost of participation in the dig. UChicago College students are eligible to apply for College Research Scholar grants to fund their participation.
Instructor(s): David Schloen
Equivalent Course(s): CLCV 20091, HIST 20091, ANTH 26612, NEAA 20091
CLAS 30400. Who Were (Are) the Greeks? 100 Units.
If the current resurgence of interest in ethnic studies is a direct reflection of a contemporary upsurge in ethnic conflict throughout the world, it remains the case that notions of peoplehood and belonging have been of periodic importance throughout history. This course will study the various expressions of Greek identity within shifting political, social, and cultural contexts from prehistory to the present day, though with a strong emphasis on classical antiquity. Particular attention will be given to theoretical issues such as anthropological definitions of ethnicity, the difference between ethnic and cultural identities, methods for studying ethnicity in historical societies, and the intersection of ethnicity with politics. Equivalent Course(s): CLAS 30400, CLCV 20400, HIST 30701, ANCM 30400
Instructor(s): J. Hall
Terms Offered: Autumn
Equivalent Course(s): CLCV 20400, HIST 30701, ANCM 30400, HIST 20701

CLAS 30420. Empire in Ancient World II. 100 Units.
Empire was the dominant form of regional state in the ancient Mediterranean. We will investigate the nature of imperial government, strategies of administration, and relations between metropole and regional powers in Persia, Athens, the Seleucid empire, and Rome.
Instructor(s): Cliff Ando
Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): CLAS 30419

CLAS 31424. Evil Women in Greek Tragedy. 100 Units.
This course examines the portrayal of female villains in Greek tragedy. We will read plays by the three major tragedians, focusing on their depictions of Clytemnestra, the Furies, Phaedra, Medea, and Helen, as it relates to questions of gender, mythmaking, power, and reception. We will discuss the societal dynamics and generic norms through which those characters emerge and we will explore their intertextual journey through myth and literature, ancient and modern. Key questions of the course include: What makes a woman evil? How is the evil female constructed through the writing, visuals, and performance of tragedy? What does it mean to present an evil female in a genre where all writers and actors are male? To what extent does tragedy shape and reflect the patriarchal structures of the Athenian society? All readings will be in English.
Instructor(s): Christina Filippaki
Terms Offered: Winter
Equivalent Course(s): CLCV 21424

CLAS 31617. The Return of Homer: The Iliad and Odyssey in Contemporary English Language Fiction and Poetry. 100 Units.
The course will examine the extraordinary flowering of English language novels and poems based on the Homeric epics in the past quarter century. We will ask how different contemporary poets and prose writers have interpreted Homer’s works and try to understand the appeal of this ancient poetry for modern authors, readers, and publishers. The reading will include such works as Margaret Atwood, The Penelopiad; Byrne Fone, War Stories: A Novel of the Trojan War; Christopher Logue, An Account of Homer’s Iliad; David Malouf, Ransom; Zachary Mason, The Lost Books of the Odyssey; Madeline Miller, The Sone of Achilles; Alice Oswald, Memorial: A Version of Homer’s Iliad; Lisa Peterson, An Iliad; Kate Quinn, et al., A Song of War; and Derek Walcott, Omeros. English translations of such foreign-language works as Alessandro Baricco’s An Iliad and Ismail Kadare’s The Fijile on H. may also be considered if students wish.
Instructor(s): Glenn Most
Terms Offered: Not offered in 21-22.
Equivalent Course(s): CLCV 31614

CLAS 31919. Plato’s Representation of Socrates. 100 Units.
This course is intended for students who have already read a fair amount of Plato (usually in English), and are still wondering what to make of it. Readings will include the 7th Letter and particular dialogues to be chosen in consultation with the class as we go along. Topics will include the relevant 4th c. context, also the representation of 5th c. society, also Plato’s biography, the Academy, Plato’s competitors, the origins and development of the dialogue form, others which may turn up in discussion. The Bollingen Complete Works of Plato has been ordered through the Seminary Coop.
Instructor(s): James Redfield
Terms Offered: Not offered 21-22.
Equivalent Course(s): SCTH 31931

CLAS 31922. Broken Mirrors: Writing the Other from Herodotus to the Jewish/Christian. 100 Units.
How are Others represented in Greco-Roman, Jewish, and Christian canons? Is the Other purely a mirror of the self who represents it? Or do self and Other interact? Can we trace and compare patterns of representation and taxonomies for human difference across cultures, genres, regions, periods, and sciences? How can we develop new critical frameworks and concepts for this task, if we refuse to take for granted the categories and conventions of today’s academic disciplines? What might this new approach to the Other help us to learn, or unlearn, about the making of “the West”? In order to answer those questions, our course will survey the most influential literary models of the Other, from Herodotus to the early medieval “Life of Jesus” polemic tradition. Beyond developing a new framework for exploring and connecting these diverse sources, it has three historical aims. First, to interrogate the limits of modern anthropology as the institutionalized site for writing and knowing the Other. Second, to reveal the centrality of the figure of the Jew in the prehistory of anthropology, where it plays a neglected but crucial role in the European history of human difference in general. Finally, to expose the premodern roots of “scientific” categories—“primitive,” “civilized,” “Oriental,” “Aryan,” “Semite,” etc.—where racial, linguistic, religious, and cultural differences still intersect today.
CLAS 31923. The Iliad as a Whole. 100 Units.
After a review of the textual history of the Iliad and a consideration of the probable conditions of its composition, a close reading of the text will explore the interrelations of the story on a collective level-military and political-with the personal stories of the leading characters. Some acquaintance with the text in the original.
Instructor(s): Jamie Redfield Terms Offered: Autumn. Autumn 2023
Prerequisite(s): Instructor's consent is required for Undergrads.
Note(s): This course will be more valuable to students with some knowledge of the text in the original.
Equivalent Course(s): CMLT 37652, JWSC 26603, HIJD 37652, RLST 27652, CLCV 21922, HREL 37652

CLAS 32024. The Johannine Epistles. 100 Units.
The Johannine Epistles raise fascinating theological and interpretative questions. In this course students will read the Greek text closely, examining the composition, genre, structure, theology, and purpose of these letters. Readings will also include New Testament and early Christian texts that help illuminate the hermeneutical questions and place of the Johannine epistles. Special attention will be paid to the questions surrounding the texts' authorship and reception within later Christian traditions.
Instructor(s): Erin Walsh Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): Students must have completed two quarters of Koine Greek or equivalent to enroll.
Note(s): This course meets the HS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students.
Equivalent Course(s): CLCV 22024, BIBL 36000, RLST 22036

CLAS 32322. Phoenician Religion (In Their Own Words And Those of Their Neighbors) 100 Units.
The Phoenicians were a Canaanite people who maintained their language, religion, and culture until Roman times. One of the main challenges facing the study of the Phoenician religion (and culture in general) is that most of their literature is lost. This course gathers together a variety of emic sources in the Phoenicians' own language or stemming from the Phoenician realm but written in Greek or Latin, as well as sources written by others about the Phoenicians, with a special focus on cult and religious identity. The texts we will read and discuss range from royal, votive, and funerary inscriptions, to the views about the Phoenicians in the Hebrew Bible, and Greek and Roman writers. This course is partly a text-based, reading course, and partly a thematic, culture course.
Instructor(s): Carolina López-Ruiz Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): Intermediate knowledge (2 years) of a Semitic language (e.g., Hebrew, Phoenician, Aramaic, Ugaritic, Arabic) OR of ancient Greek and/or Latin.
Note(s): This course meets the HS or LMCS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students.
Equivalent Course(s): NEHC 22308, RLST 22308, CLCV 22322, HREL 42308, NEHC 42308

CLAS 32524. Introduction to the New Testament: Texts and Contexts of Interpretation. 100 Units.
This class introduces students to the texts that make up the New Testament through close readings of representative examples. Through course lectures and readings, students will gain familiarity with the historical, geographical, social, religious, cultural, and political contexts of New Testament literature and the events they narrate. We will also learn about the central literary genres found within the collection of texts that came to form the canonical New Testament, including "gospels," "acts," "letters," and "apocalypses"), and we will examine how aware of genre conventions enhances our reading of these works. Students will also learn about the distinctive theological and cultural viewpoints contained within various New Testament texts. As we learn about the history of biblical scholarship, especially the goals and methods of biblical interpretation, we will practice refining our questions. Assignments and discussion will allow students to develop their skills as attuned readers of both ancient texts as well as modern biblical scholarship. PQ: No prior knowledge of biblical literature, the ancient world, or Christianity is expected. The only expectation is commitment to engaged discussion about the challenges of interpretation with classmates holding various viewpoints.
Instructor(s): Erin Walsh Terms Offered: Winter
Note(s): This course meets the HS or LMCS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students. This course counts as a Gateway course for RLST majors/minors.
Equivalent Course(s): RLST 12000, MDVL 12500, BIBL 32500, CLCV 22524, FNDL 28202

CLAS 33024. Archaeologies of Gender and Sexuality. 100 Units.
How do archaeologists approach the study of gendered practices, and can their work contribute to theoretical and methodological discussions of gender across the social sciences and humanities? How can we use material objects and things to examine or explain gendered identities, especially in the deep past? In this course, students will engage with a range of research, from different disciplinary perspectives, to explore how gender is situated in archaeological theory and practice and its political implications. Through multiple case studies, the course will interrogate how archaeologists study, analyze, and interpret material remains to examine gendered ideologies and material practices and their intersections with other social constructs: class, sex, race, ethnicity. Coverage is cross-cultural and aims to expose students to the diversity and variability of gendered and sexual experiences of different people across time and space. Topics include but are not limited to: embodiment and expression, gender roles, sexuality, parenthood and childhood, masculinity, biopolitics, and feminist theory.
Instructor(s): Catherine Kearns and Alice Yao Terms Offered: Winter
Equivalent Course(s): CLCV 23024
CLAS 33424. Race, Rome, and Greece. 100 Units.
How appropriate or useful is the application of the idea of “race” to practices in ancient Greece and Rome? What revelations about the classical or modern and contemporary worlds does the idea of “race” afford? Race has long been considered a modern phenomenon, traceable in such practices as the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Recent scholarship has identified race (or racialization, at least) in the European Medieval period and the Renaissance. In this class, we will evaluate the scholarship of race in classical antiquity and the texts and artifacts upon which it relies.
Instructor(s): Patrice Rankine  Terms Offered: Spring
Equivalent Course(s): CLCV 23242

CLAS 33524. Constantinople, Byzantine and Ottoman: Crossroads of East and West. 100 Units.
Constantinople (modern Istanbul) was founded in 324 AD to be the capital of the eastern Roman empire. It did this until 1453, when it became the capital of the emerging Ottoman empire, a function that it served until 1922. No city in history has, for so long, served continually as the capital of two successive empires that, in their various incarnations, straddled Europe, Asia, and Africa and played a major role in shaping global politics and world culture. In this course, students will learn about these two parallel histories and cultures through a series of paired thematic units: Foundations; Imperial Cultures; Religious Cultures; and Hagia Sophia (a monument that continues to be a flashpoint for competing claims to the past and modern identities). One week in the middle will be devoted to Transitions, namely to the period around the siege of 1453, before which many Turks lived under east Roman rule and after which most Romans (Greeks) lived under Ottoman rule. The instructors will foster creative dialogue between these two cultures by focusing, in each unit, on exemplary monuments and primary written sources. Students will explore how public authority was claimed and contested, and how each phase of the city’s history appropriated or sidelined the legacy of its own past.
Instructor(s): Anthony Kaldellis; Hakan Karateke  Terms Offered: TBD
Equivalent Course(s): CLCV 23254, NEHC 33524, NEHC 23524

CLAS 33608. Aristophanes’s Athens. 100 Units.
The comedies of Aristophanes are as uproarious, biting, and ribald today as they were more than 2,400 years ago. But they also offer a unique window onto the societal norms, expectations, and concerns as well as the more mundane experiences of Athenians in the fifth century BCE. This course will examine closely a number of Aristophanes’ extant plays (in translation) in order to address topics such as the performative, ritual, and political contexts of Attic comedy, the constituency of audiences, the relationship of comedy to satire, the use of dramatic stereotypes, freedom of speech, and the limits of dissent. Please note that this course is rated Mature for adult themes and language.
Instructor(s): J. Hall  Terms Offered: Winter
Equivalent Course(s): HIST 20803, CLCV 23608, ANCM 33900, FNDL 23608, HIST 30803, LLSO 20803

CLAS 33616. Homer’s Odyssey: Estrangement and Homecoming. 100 Units.
One of the two foundational epics of so-called Western Culture, the Odyssey features a wily hero whose journeys are extraordinary and whose longing for home is unbounded. The Odyssey offers a complex meditation on brotherhood, bestiality, sexuality, kinship, and power; it is the great epic of cross-cultural encounter, in all its seductive and violent aspects, as well as the great poem of marriage. An adventure in nostos (homecoming), the Odyssey shows us the pleasures and dangers of voyaging among strangers. Constantly exploring the boundaries between the civilized and the savage, the poem offers as well a political critique of many ancient institutions, not least the family patriarchy, hospitality customs, and the band-of-brothers so central to epic ideology. And as a masterwork of narrative art, the Odyssey asks us to consider the relation of fiction to “truth.” We will explore these and other matters in the Odyssey, and may make a concluding foray into contemporary re-workings of Odyssean themes and characters.
Instructor(s): Laura Slatkin  Terms Offered: Spring, Spring 2024
Prerequisite(s): Consent required for Undergraduates.
Note(s): The seminar will take place on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.*, during the first five weeks of the term (March 19 – April 18, 2024)
Equivalent Course(s): SCTH 21223, SCTH 31223, FNDL 21223

CLAS 33718. Empires and Peoples: Ethnicity in Late Antiquity. 100 Units.
Late antiquity witnessed an unprecedented proliferation of peoples in the Mediterranean and the Middle East. Vandals, Arabs, Goths, Huns, Franks, and Iranians, among numerous others, took shape as political communities within the Roman and Iranian empires or along their peripheries. Recent scholarship has undone the traditional image of these groups as previously undocumented communities of “barbarians” entering history. Ethnic communities emerge from the literature as political constructions dependent on the very malleability of identities, on specific acts of textual and artistic production, on particular religious traditions, and, not least, on the imperial or postimperial regimes sustaining their claims to sovereignty. The colloquium will debate the origin, nature, and roles of ethno-political identities and communities comparatively across West Asia, from the Western Mediterranean to the Eurasian steppes, on the basis of recent contributions. As a historiographical colloquium, the course will address the contemporary cultural and political concerns—especially nationalism—that have often shaped historical accounts of ethnogenesis in the period as well as bio-historical approaches such as genetic history that sometimes sit uneasily with the recent advances of historians.
Instructor(s): R. Payne  Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): Open to advanced undergraduates and graduate students.
Homer’s Odyssey describes the homing of Odysseus in a series of poignant, half-hidden, and sometimes misaligned reunions with his loved ones. In this course we will read in Greek many of the Odyssey’s homecoming scenes of the Odyssey, including all of Books 19 and 23. Our focus will be on how the poem depicts the complex character of Odysseus through its recognition (and misrecognition) scenes. Much of our conversation will center on Penelope, the mutual testing between her and her husband, and the degree to which we can attribute “like-mindedness” (homophrosyne) to their relationship.

Instructor(s): Emily Austin
Terms Offered: Autumn
Equivalent Course(s): GREK 23724

CLAS 33820. Debating Christians and Other Adversaries: Greek and Syriac Dialogues in Late Antiquity. 100 Units.

This course will examine the composition and significance of dialogues for Christian polemic and identity formation. The quarter will begin with an overview of dialogues from Classical Antiquity before examining the new directions Christian writers followed as they staged debates with pagans, Jews, Manicheans, and alleged “heretical” Christians. Reading these works in light of modern scholarship and with an eye to late antique rhetoric, students will gain insights into the ways theological development took place in the crucible of debate.

Instructor(s): Erin Galgay Walsh
Terms Offered: Autumn
Equivalent Course(s): HCHR 40360, CLCV 23820, RLST 20360, BIBL 40360

CLAS 34021. Partings, Encounters, and Entangled Histories: The Formation of Judaism and Christianity. 100 Units.

When did the fault lines between Judaism and Christianity emerge? This course explores this question by examining the formation of Judaism and Christianity within the world of the Ancient Mediterranean. What religious views, texts, and practices did Jews and Christians hold in common? How did early writers construct communal boundaries and project “ideal” belief and practice? What role did the changing political tides of the Roman and Persian empires play? We will explore continuities and growing distinctions between Jews and Christians in the areas of scriptural interpretation, ritual practices, and structures of authority. Special attention will be paid to debates around gender and sexuality, healing, and views of government and economics. We will approach these issues through material evidence and close readings of early literature in light of contemporary scholarship. Students interested in modern histories of Judaism and Christianity will gain a firm foundation in the pivotal debates, texts, and events that set the trajectories for later centuries.

Instructor(s): Erin Galgay Walsh
Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): No prerequisite knowledge of the historical periods, literature, or religious traditions covered is expected.
Note(s): This course meets the HS or LMCS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students.
Equivalent Course(s): CLCV 24021, NEHC 27213, BIBL 37213, HIST 31600, HJJD 37213, JWSC 27213, NEHC 37213, HCHR 37213, RLST 27213

CLAS 34918. Early Traveling Writing: Pausanias in Roman Greece. 100 Units.

Through a close reading of Pausanias, who wrote his Description of Greece during the Roman imperial period, this course explores ancient forms of travel writing and associated interests in the places, peoples, myths, ruins, and material objects of the Mediterranean world. Moving from the apparent ethnographic lens of earlier Greek literature to Roman imperialist expeditions, readings and discussions will examine the sociopolitical contexts out of which Pausanias emerged as a literary author, and his legacies in and relationship to the wide array of genres of modern travel writing, from Lewis and Clark to John Steinbeck. Key topics will include: movement through space, tourism, nature, landscape, town and country, sites and spectacles, myth, ritual, and acts of remembering and forgetting.

Instructor(s): Catherine Kearns
Terms Offered: Spring
Equivalent Course(s): CLCV 24918, CEGU 24918, FNDL 24918, ENST 24918, ANCM 34918

CLAS 34922. Language Contact: Greek and the World’s Languages. 100 Units.

How do languages get into contact? How long do they stay in contact? What is contact-induced language change, and which are the mechanisms that govern it? What do arachnophobia, myalgia, geology, heterophagy mean? In this course we will study language contact and its outcomes, as well as the social and linguistic factors that regulate contact-induced changes. We will examine a wide range of language contact phenomena from both general linguistic and sociolinguistic perspectives, and survey current approaches to all of the major types of contact-induced change (e.g. borrowing). Having Greek (but also other languages) as an example, we will consider linguistic and social aspects of the contact context as well as look into how the particular language has shaped the savant vocabulary of science, philosophy, arts, etc. More precisely, we will offer a brief overview of the history of the Greek language with special emphasis on the Greek vocabulary that Greek language landed or borrowed at different stages of its history as a result of its linguistic contact with other nations and languages. We will start with the Pre-Hellenic phase of Greek and then we focus in Proto-Hellenic, Ancient Greek, Koine, Medieval Greek and finally Modern Greek.

Instructor(s): Zoi Gavriliidou
Terms Offered: Winter
Equivalent Course(s): RLST 29402, BIBL 39402, CLCV 24922, LING 29402, LING 39402
CLAS 35014. Winckelmann: Enlightenment Art Historian and Philosopher. 100 Units.
We approach the first great modern art historian through reading his classic early and mature writings and through the art and criticism of his time (and at the end, our own). Reading-intensive, with a field trip to the Art Institute. Please help - many questions.
Instructor(s): Andrei Pop
Equivalent Course(s): GRMN 35015, ARTH 35115, KNOW 35000, ARTH 25115, SCTR 35000, GRMN 25015

CLAS 35319. Gender and Sexuality in Late Antiquity: Precursors and Legacies. 100 Units.
In this course students will trace how gender was theorized and normative behavior was prescribed and enforced in the ancient world. We will begin with materials from the Greco-Roman world, Hebrew Bible, and the Second Temple Period. As the quarter progresses, we will turn our attention to early and late ancient Christian authors, focusing on the way asceticism and emergent ecclesial institutions shaped the lives of women and gender non-conforming individuals. Throughout the course students will learn to navigate the pitfalls and opportunities the study of gender affords for understanding the development of biblical interpretation, the transformation of classical Graeco-Roman culture, and the formation of Christian doctrine. How did Christianity challenge and preserve norms for female behavior? How did Rabbinic and early Christian authors approach questions of sexuality differently? Along the way we will bring 20th-century theorists of sexuality and gender into our conversations to illuminate pre-modern discourses of virginity, sexual experience, and identity. Primarily we will approach texts through a historical lens while paying attention to the theological and ethical issues involved. At the end of the course we will examine the legacy of late ancient debates, tracing how earlier teaching about gender and sexuality co-exists with, challenges, and informs modern secular worldviews.
Instructor(s): Erin Galgay Walsh Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): No languages are required, but there will be ample opportunity for students with skills in Greek, Latin, Syriac, and Hebrew to use them.
Equivalent Course(s): BIBL 42910, CLCV 25319, GNSE 22910, GNSE 42910, RLST 22910

CLAS 35513. Anagnorisis and the Cognitive Work of Theater. 100 Units.
In the Poetics Aristotle conceives anagnorisis or recognition as one of the three constitutive parts of the dramatic plot and defines it as the “a change from ignorance (agnoia) to knowledge (gnosis).” Implying the rediscovery of something previously known anagnorisis refers to the emplotment and staging of a certain kind of cognitive work characteristic of theater (as a locus of theory or theater). For recognition is not only required of the dramatis personae on stage but also of the spectators who need to (re)-cognize a character whenever s/he enters. Just as the characters’ anagnorisis isn’t restricted to the filiation, i.e., identity, of other characters the audience’s cognition concerns the understanding the plot as a whole. In short, by focusing on anagnorisis we can gain insight in the specific cognitive work of theater (and drama). Naturally we will begin in antiquity and examine the instantiation of recognition in Homer’s Odyssey and several Greek tragedies as well as its first theorization in Aristotle’s Poetics. Then we will jump to the modernes, specifically Enlightenment theater’s obsession with anagnorisis and the cognitive work it performs, and investigate dramas by Diderot and Lessing. Kleist’s dramatic deconstructions of German bourgeois and classical theater test the Enlightenment’s claim to reason and reform of human cognition. Our last stop will be Brecht’s theater of “Entfremdung” that makes the alienation at the heart of anagnorisis into the center-piece of his aesthetic and political project. If we have time, we will also take a look at comical recognition as self-reflection of its tragic counterpart. Readings and discussions in English.
Instructor(s): C. Wild Terms Offered: Autumn

CLAS 35521. The Sublime. 100 Units.
The sublime has traditionally been thought to have had a merely marginal place in ancient Greek and Latin aesthetics and literary theory; but some scholars have recently argued that it was instead more central, and it is difficult not to apply this category to many ancient literary works. However the explicit category of the sublime did not become central to European aesthetics until the 17th century and then continued until the 19th century to play a central role in discussions not only of art and literature, but also of religion, politics, and other fields. By the middle of the 19th century the wave of interest in the sublime seems to have subsided, but in the past forty years this concept has returned to play an important role in aesthetic theories. The seminar will consider the odd history of the sublime, examining central texts from ancient (Longinus), early modern (Boileau), and modern aesthetics (certainly Burke, Kant, Schiller, and Hegel; perhaps also, depending on student preferences, Nietzsche, Lyotard, Adorno, Zizek). It will also ask whether the concept of the sublime can still play an important role today, or, if not, then what has taken its place. We will deal primarily with theories of the sublime but also to some extent with works of art. Open to undergraduates with consent.
Instructor(s): Glenn Most Terms Offered: Spring
Equivalent Course(s): CMLT 35993, CLCV 25521, SCTR 35993

CLAS 35624. Plutarch. 100 Units.
Plutarch’s biographies and his writing on literature and morality stand in a long tradition. In this class we will read passages from Plutarch in Greek and compare them to similar texts, such as the relevant sections of Plato’s Republic and Aristotle’s Poetics. The aim is to evaluate Plutarch’s contribution to a literary critical tradition while also comparing his Greek to that of his predecessors.
Instructor(s): Patrice Rankine Terms Offered: Winter
Equivalent Course(s): GREK 25624
CLAS 35923. Image, Iconoclasm, Animation. 100 Units.
This course will explore the fantasies of the animation of images both ancient and early Christian, both secular and sacred, as the backdrop to examining the phenomenon of iconoclasm as an assault on the image from pre-Christian antiquity via Byzantium to the Protestant Reformation. It will tackle both texts and images, the archaeological context of image-assault and the conceptual (indeed theological) contexts within which such assault was both justified and condemned. These historical issues cannot be separated, in our scholarly approaches and responses, from a vibrant contemporary culture around question of virtuality, animation, image-worship and image-destruction in the current world. The course will provide space to reflect on the problems raised by this. The course will be taught over the first four and a half weeks in the Spring Quarter on an intensive schedule. It will be examined on the basis of a paper, due on a subject to be agreed and on a date to be agreed at the end of the Spring quarter.
Instructor(s): Jaś Elsner Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): The course will be taught over the first 4 and a half weeks in the Spring Quarter on an intensive schedule.
Note(s): This course meets the HS or LMCS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students.
Equivalent Course(s): ARTH 28311, KNOW 38311, ARTH 38311, RLST 28311, RLVC 38311, CLCV 25923, MDVL 28311

CLAS 35924. Aristotle: Action, Embodied Agents and Value in Acting. 100 Units.
The aim of the course is to understand and assess central aspects of Aristotle’s account of actions and agency. We will locate his views within the context of his discussion of (a) the relation between psychological and physical states, processes, and activities and (b) the value of acting well. The course is aimed at graduates and advanced undergraduates (seniors and juniors) in Philosophy or Classics.
Instructor(s): David Charles Terms Offered: Autumn. Autumn 2024
Prerequisite(s): Knowledge of Greek is not required.
Note(s): Only senior Undergraduates with the instructor’s consent can register. No consent is required for Graduate Students. Auditors are allowed subject to enrollment and with the instructor’s permission. Auditors will be expected to attend all classes, complete all reading assignments, and participate in class discussions, but not to complete writing assignments.
Equivalent Course(s): FNDL 25715, SCTH 35715, SCTH 25715, CLCV 25924, PHIL 35715, PHIL 25715

CLAS 36020. The Gospel of John. 100 Units.
This is the third course in the Introductory Koine Greek Sequence of the Divinity School. This course will use what students have learned in terms of grammar, syntax, and vocabulary in the first two quarters and will apply these skills to the translation and exegesis of specific Biblical passages.
Instructor(s): Erin Galgay Walsh Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): One year of Koine Greek, or equivalent (BIBL 35100, 35300). Various levels can be accommodated; please feel free to consult with instructor.
Note(s): This is the introductory Koine Greek exegesis course.
Equivalent Course(s): RLST 22020, CLCV 26020, BIBL 36020

CLAS 36024. Religion and Visual Culture in the Late Antique Mediterranean. 100 Units.
In this seminar, we examine sacred sites and artifacts of early Christians and their neighbors in the regions around the Mediterranean from the third century to about 750 CE. Case studies will illustrate the wealth of religious art and architecture associated with different religions that existed side by side-Christianity, Judaism, polytheism, and emerging Islam. This course has five main objectives: (1) to examine how the designs of religious spaces, buildings, and objects respond to specific spiritual or ritualistic needs; (2) to gain familiarity with typical features characterizing the arts of each religion or sect; (3) to identify elements of a common visual language that result from shared traditions or artistic cross-pollination; (4) to examine different ways in which material artifacts were employed as means of ideological propaganda; and (5) to study art and architecture as evidence of doctrinal competition and conflict. While this course foregrounds the study of material culture, written sources (in translation) complement the analysis of the visual evidence.
Instructor(s): Karin Krause Terms Offered: Spring
Note(s): This course meets the HS or LMCS Committee distribution for Divinity students.
Equivalent Course(s): RLST 26001, CLCV 36001, NEHC 26001, ARTH 36001, ARTH 26001, MDVL 26001

CLAS 36119. Muses and Saints: Poetry and the Christian Imagination. 100 Units.
This course provides an introduction to the poetic traditions of early Christians and the intersection between poetic literature, theology, and biblical interpretation. Students will gain familiarity with the literary context of the formative centuries of Christianity with a special emphasis on Greek and Syriac Christians in the Eastern Mediterranean from the fourth through the sixth centuries. While theology is often taught through analytical prose, theological reflection in late antiquity and early Byzantium was frequently done in poetic genres. This course introduces students to the major composers and genres of these works as well as the various recurrent themes that occur within this literature. Through reading poetry from liturgical and monastic contexts, students will explore how the biblical imaginations of Christians were formed beyond the confines of canonical scripture. How is poetry a mode of “doing” theology? What habits of biblical interpretation and narration does one encounter in this poetry? This course exposes students to a variety of disciplinary frameworks for studying early Christian texts including history, religious studies, feminist and literary critique, as well as theology. Students
will also analyze medieval and modern poetry with religious themes in light of earlier traditions to reflect on the poetry and the religious imagination more broadly.
Instructor(s): Erin Galgay Walsh Terms Offered: Spring
Note(s): Open to undergraduate and graduate students; Graduate students may choose to attend weekly translation group
Equivalent Course(s): RLVC 33000, HCHR 33000, CLCV 26119, GNSE 24104, BIBL 33000, RLST 23000, GNSE 34104, MDVL 23000, ENGL 33809

CLAS 37320. Greek Archaeology in 20 Objects. 100 Units.
This course centers the objects of the ancient Greek world, from prehistory to the Hellenistic period, as avenues for exploring the practice, history, and motivations of the discipline of Greek archaeology. From the mundane to the spectacular, we will closely consider twenty things - pots, statues, coins, knives, bones, inscriptions, among others - whose compelling if fragmentary biographies reveal how archaeologists reconstruct and explain ancient social lives. Discussions will interrogate histories of object analysis, identification, and interpretation; schemes of periodization and categorization; theories of gender, class, economy, politics, and religion; developments in technologies and aesthetics; the intersections of artifact discovery and museum or market acquisitions; and the making of Greek archaeology within the wider discipline.
Instructor(s): C. Kearns Terms Offered: Autumn
Equivalent Course(s): CLCV 27320

CLAS 37521. Philosophy and Comedy: Leo Strauss's "Socrates and Aristophanes" 100 Units.
Leo Strauss’s Socrates and Aristophanes (1966) discusses not only the most important and most influential of all comedies, The Clouds, but also all the other comedies by Aristophanes that have come down to us. The book is the only writing of Strauss’s that deals with the whole corpus of a philosopher or poet. And it is the most intense and most demanding interpretation of Aristophanes a philosopher has presented up to now. In Socrates and Aristophanes Strauss carries on a dialogue with Aristophanes on the wisdom of the poet, on the just and unjust speech, on philosophy and politics, on the diversity of human natures, and on an œuvre that asks the question: quid est deus? what is a god?
Instructor(s): Heinrich Meier Terms Offered: Spring. Course will be taught Spring 2022.
Prerequisite(s): Open to undergraduates with instructor consent.
Note(s): The seminar will take place on Monday/Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.*, during the first five weeks of the term (March 28 – April 27, 2022).
Equivalent Course(s): PLSC 37324, SCTH 37324, PHIL 37324, FNDL 27003

CLAS 37522. Praising the Gods: Greek Hymnic Poetry and Its Context. 100 Units.
In this course we will read a broad range of Greek hymnic poetry, starting with Hesiod’s invocation to the Muses in the Theogony, followed by a selection from the Homeric Hymns, the Orphic hymns, and later literary or philosophical hymns by Callimachus and Proclus. Close readings will explore matters of language, genre, and literary tropes, as well as the evolving religious and cultural context of the hymns through the long chronological span in which the genre was productive in Greek antiquity.
Instructor(s): Carolina López-Ruiz Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): Two years of Greek.
Equivalent Course(s): HREL 47518, CLCV 27522, GREK 27122, RLST 27518, GREK 37122

CLAS 37623. Three Comedies of Sexual Revolution. 100 Units.
This seminar will discuss three comedies of sexual revolution from three different times and places. Aristophanes’s Assemblywomen recounts how under the leadership of the able Praxagora the women of Athens take over the Assembly and legislate a new regime in which private property is replaced by communism and sexual equity is achieved in favor of the old and unattractive at the expense of the young and attractive. Machiavelli’s Mandragola dramatizes the tricks by which young Callimaco manages with the aid of the trickster parasite Ligurio to have sex with Lucrezia, the beautiful young wife of the elderly lawyer Nicomaco, with the consent of both her and her husband, ushering in a new regime in which all are satisfied. In Shakespeare’s Measure for Measure Angelo the interim duke of Vienna institutes a repressive sexual regime in which the brothels are closed and extramarital sex is a capital crime. What might we learn about sexual relations from these diverse plays? Why are they comedies?
Instructor(s): Nathan Tarcov & Glenn Most Terms Offered: Spring. Spring 2024
Prerequisite(s): Undergraduates need the Instructor’s permission to register.
Equivalent Course(s): FNDL 21772, CMLT 25823, SCTH 35997, CMLT 35997, CLCV 27623, PLSC 35997, GNSE 25997, SCTH 25823, PLSC 25997, GNSE 35997

CLAS 37723. Herodotus. 100 Units.
Interpretation of Herodotus’ history, with close attention to philological, literary, and philosophical issues.
Instructor(s): Glenn W. Most Terms Offered: Spring. Spring 2024
Prerequisite(s): Knowledge of ancient Greek is welcome but not required. Undergraduates need the instructor’s permission to register
Equivalent Course(s): SCTH 35998, CLCV 27723, SCTH 25923

CLAS 37923. Textual Amulets in the Ancient Mediterranean. 100 Units.
Amulets with inscribed texts were used broadly by individuals and households and across ancient Mediterranean cultures for protection against evils, for curing disease, and for obtaining advantage over
adversaries in all walks of life. In this course, we will survey a broad range of such amulets coming from the Levant, Mesopotamia, the Phoenician-Punic world, Greece and southern Italy, and inscribed on such varied materials as sheets of gold and silver, papyri, ostraca and gems, while scrutinizing their material aspects, their cultural context, and their shared and distinctive features.

Instructor(s): Carolina Lopez-Ruiz, Sofia Torallas-Tovar, Christopher Faraone
Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): Classical or Near Eastern languages recommended but not required.

Note(s): This course meets the HS or LMCS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students.
Equivalent Course(s): RLST 20130, CLCV 27923, NEHC 20130, HREL 40130, NEHC 40130

CLAS 38020. Platonic Aesthetics. 100 Units.

The anachronism of the course title constitutes our program: to what extent can Plato's thinking about artworks, images, poets in the polis, beauty, the visual world, the senses, subjectivity and criticism be viewed coherently as an aesthetic theory? Does his style and dramatic mode of writing interact significantly with these views? How have they been received, and to what extent are they right?

Instructor(s): Andrei Pop
Terms Offered: Autumn

Equivalent Course(s): ARTH 35009, FNDL 29005, SCTR 25009, SCTR 35009

CLAS 38024. Poetry of war and Peace. 100 Units.

War and its fallout have been a central part of the human experience, sparking the fascination of poets and audiences alike. Along with war comes the concept of peace, both in life and in poetry. In this course, we will use poetry and poetic texts to explore different possibilities for understanding the fundamental tension that exists between the quasi-universal notion that "no one is so foolish as to choose war over peace" (Herodotus, 1.87), and the fact that war has been our constant companion. Along the way, we will examine how poets across a spectrum of cultures, eras, and genres have given life to rich expressions of hope, fear, and everything in between, and ask ourselves how these poets succeed in illuminating these parts of the human experience, and to what effect. Homer and Vergil will be our guides through the first part of the quarter, but in the second half we will explore poetries of war and peace from around the world, up to the present.

Instructor(s): Jonah Radding
Terms Offered: Spring

Equivalent Course(s): CLCV 28024

CLAS 38322. Art and Religion from the Roman to the Christian Worlds. 100 Units.

This course will be an introduction to Roman and early Christian art from the early empire to late antiquity. It will explore the influence of the changes in visual production in relation to different attitudes to religion and society; its specific and conflicutive historiography; the particular issues involved in the move to Christianity and a Christian visual culture. We shall steer between an empirical inductive approach, looking at lots of stuff and a more general account of theoretical overviews that have been offered for Roman and late art - overviews that have been influential in the broader historiography of art history as a discipline.

Instructor(s): Jaś Elsner
Terms Offered: Spring

Note(s): The course will be taught over 5 weeks in the Spring Quarter on an intensive schedule. This course meets the HS or LMCS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students.
Equivalent Course(s): RLVG 38330, ARTH 38330, ARTH 28330, CLCV 28322, RLST 28330

CLAS 38323. Art and Description in Antiquity and Byzantium. 100 Units.

This course explores the rich tradition of ekphrasis in Greco-Roman antiquity and Byzantium - as it ranges from vivid description in general to a specific engagement with works of art. While the prime focus will remain on texts from Greece, Rome and Byzantium - in order to establish what might be called the ancestry of a genre in the European tradition and especially its fascinating place between pagan polytheistic and Christian writing -- there will be opportunity in the final paper to range beyond this into questions of comparative literature, art (history) writing and ekphrasis in other periods or contexts, depending on students' interests and needs. A reading knowledge of Greek in particular could not be described as a disadvantage, but the course can be taken without knowing the ancient languages. The course will be taught over the first 4 and a half weeks in the Spring Quarter on an intensive schedule. It will be examined on the basis of a paper, due on a subject to be agreed and on a date to be agreed at the end of the Spring quarter.

Instructor(s): Jaś Elsner and Karin Krause
Terms Offered: Spring

Prerequisite(s): Classical or Near Eastern languages recommended but not required.

Note(s): This course meets the HS or LMCS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students.
Equivalent Course(s): ARTH 28325, RLVG 28325, KNOW 38325, RLVG 38325, MDVL 28325, ARTH 38325, CLCV 28323

CLAS 38422. How Did The Ancients Interpret Their Myths? 100 Units.

How did the ancient Greeks interpret their own narratives about the gods? How did their encounter with Near Eastern mythologies shape their own story-telling, and how did their understanding and use of myths evolve with time? In this course, we will explore the ancient interpretation of myth from the archaic Greek to the Roman periods. First, we will focus on the cross-cultural adaptations of Near Eastern traditions in Greek epic (Homer and Hesiod), as a form of interpretation itself. Then we will discuss how ancient poets and thinkers interpreted and reinterpreted divine narratives, paying attention to their philosophical, literary, and cultural strategies, from Orphism and Plato to the Stoics and later philosophical schools, including Euhemerism and its engagement with Phoenician mythology.
Instructor(s): Carolina López-Ruiz  Terms Offered: Spring  
Equivalent Course(s): RLST 28499, CLCV 28422, NEHC 38499, NEHC 28499, HREL 38499  

CLAS 38524. Thessaloniki: A history of a city through the ages. 100 Units.  
This course seeks to explore the cultural and social history of the city of Thessaloniki in northern Greece from antiquity to the present. As a city of diverse populations, Thessaloniki constituted a melting pot of cultures and a hub for economic activities for a major part of its history. The course will be discussion-based and bring into dialogue textual and material evidence that illustrates various topics of the history of Thessaloniki. Among those topics, we will examine Thessaloniki’s foundation, its relationship with other cities in the Hellenistic world, the formation of (ethnic) identity in Macedonia, its Christianization, its archaeological landscape, the multiculturability of the city and the construction of other (Greek, Jewish, Roman, Slavic, Ottoman), immigration movements, economy and commerce. We will explore a spectrum of historical themes, but our focus will range: We will delve into the intricate stories of personalities, monuments, and objects. Yet, our ultimate aim will be to step back and analyze broader phenomena in their longue durée.  
Instructor(s): Georgios Tsolakis  Terms Offered: Autumn  
Equivalent Course(s): ANCM 38524, CLCV 28524  

CLAS 40018. Varieties of the Sublime in Ancient Greek and Roman Thought. 100 Units.  
When one thinks about the ‘Sublime’, one ancient text stands out as foundational: Longinus’ On the Sublime. This text had a profound influence on modern aesthetics. It is, however, only part of a rich tradition of ancient ideas about sublimity. This seminar will examine this tradition, which embraces philosophy, religion, and art. The aim of the class is to disentangle various strands of the sublime and examine their interrelationships. Our readings will take us from Plato to the Neoplatonists. They will include: Plato’s Symposium and Phaedrus; selections from the Epicurean Philodemus and the Stoics; Apuleius’ Story of Cupid and Psyche and book 11 of his Metamorphoses; and selections from Plotinus, Porphyry, and Proclus’ Commentary on Plato’s Republic. The topics will include: religious initiation, the use of allegory, and theories of visual and literary beauty. Knowledge of Greek and Latin is not required; but special sessions will be arranged for those who wish to read Greek or Latin texts. Open to undergraduates with the permission of the instructor.  
Instructor(s): E. Asmis  Terms Offered: Spring  
Equivalent Course(s): BIBL 40018  

CLAS 40117. The Commons & the Public: Figuring Collaborative Knowledge Production. 100 Units.  
Starting with Roman Law and moving up to contemporary critiques of intellectual property, this seminar explores new ways of conceptualizing collaborative forms of knowledge production that have been typically referred to as “commons”. We do so by following a series of parallel and intersecting questions, starting with those concerning what the commons are about: What were the traditional commons of things or resources (public lands, public spaces, fisheries, pastures, forests)? What are the new commons of knowledge (academic publications, free software, wikipedia, etc)? And what is the relationship between infrastructures (roads, harbors, Internet, and the commons)? We then look at the changing configurations of human actors associated with the commons, that is, the differences between the communities associated with the traditional commons of resources and the commons, counterpublics, multitudes, and crowds, that are now associated with collaborative forms of knowledge making and political action. We try, in sum, to conceptualize the relationship between the new knowledge commons and new notions of the public. This course fulfills part of the KNOW Core Seminar requirement to be eligible to apply for the SIFK Dissertation Research Fellowship. No instructor consent is required, but registration is not final until after the 1st week in order to give Ph.D. students priority.  
Equivalent Course(s): KNOW 40102  

CLAS 40820. Hymns and Sanctuaries in Ancient Greece. 100 Units.  
This two-quarter seminar, which fulfills the seminar requirement for graduates in History and Classics, seeks to explore how we might reconstruct the religious experience of the ancient Greeks through texts in translation (especially hymns), inscriptions, and material culture, paying particular attention to issues of methodology. The first quarter will be devoted to guided reading and discussion, focused on individual sanctuary sites, while the second quarter will be reserved for writing a major research paper. Non-Classics students will also be permitted to enroll for just the first quarter by arrangement with the instructors.  
Instructor(s): C. Faraone, J. Hall  Terms Offered: Autumn  
Equivalent Course(s): HIST 50300  

CLAS 40821. Hymns and Sanctuaries in Ancient Greece. 100 Units.  
This two-quarter seminar, which fulfills the seminar requirement for graduates in History and Classics, seeks to explore how we might reconstruct the religious experience of the ancient Greeks through texts in translation (especially hymns), inscriptions, and material culture, paying particular attention to issues of methodology. The first quarter will be devoted to guided reading and discussion, focused on individual sanctuary sites, while the second quarter will be reserved for writing a major research paper. Non-Classics students will also be permitted to enroll for just the first quarter by arrangement with the instructors.  
Instructor(s): C. Faraone, J. Hall  Terms Offered: Winter  
Equivalent Course(s): HIST 50301  

CLAS 40921. Seminar: Mediterranean Societies Beyond the Polis I. 100 Units.  
This two-quarter seminar introduces students to key debates and challenges in the study of ancient Mediterranean societies outside or elliptical to the boundaries of the city-state. In the first half, readings and
discussions will interrogate Greek and Roman concepts of territoriality and border-making, frontiers and hinterlands, and political community, as well as assess limitations in method and evidence for studying the material histories of nonurban social formations. The course takes a broad approach by exploring diverse regional and chronological case studies. In the second quarter, students will write a major research paper. Non-Classics students may enroll for just the first quarter by arrangement with the instructors.
Instructor(s): C. Ando, C. Kearns Terms Offered: Autumn
Equivalent Course(s): HIST 50401

CLAS 40922. Seminar: Mediterranean Societies Beyond the Polis II. 100 Units.
This two-quarter seminar introduces students to key debates and challenges in the study of ancient Mediterranean societies outside or elliptical to the boundaries of the city-state. In the first half, readings and discussions will interrogate Greek and Roman concepts of territoriality and border-making, frontiers and hinterlands, and political community, as well as assess limitations in method and evidence for studying the material histories of nonurban social formations. The course takes a broad approach by exploring diverse regional and chronological case studies. In the second quarter, students will write a major research paper. Non-Classics students may enroll for just the first quarter by arrangement with the instructors.
Instructor(s): C. Ando, C. Kearns Terms Offered: Winter
Equivalent Course(s): HIST 50402

CLAS 41022. Poetry and Papyrology. Reconstructing the Greek Literary Canon. 100 Units.
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Instructor(s): S. Nooter & S. Torallas Terms Offered: Autumn

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CLAS 41616. Case Studies on the Formation of Knowledge-I. 100 Units.
The KNOW core seminars for graduate students are offered by the faculty of the Stevanovich Institute on the Formation of Knowledge. This two-quarter sequence provides a general introduction, followed by specific case studies, to the study of the formation of knowledge. Each course will explore 2-3 case study topics, and each case study will be team-taught within a "module." A short research paper is required at the end of each quarter. Graduate students from every field are welcome. Those who take both quarters are eligible to apply for a SIFK 6th-year graduate fellowship. For more information, please email your questions to sifik@uchicago.edu Module 1: Approaches to Knowledge Shadi Bartsch, Jack Gilbert The goal of this module is to identify central issues or debates in the theory of knowledge over the past century. Students will be introduced to basic issues in the sociology of knowledge, to the arguments for and against constructivist perspectives on knowledge, and to 21st century scientific standards for knowledge production. The course should provide students with a vocabulary and conceptual tools with which they argue about these issues and reflect upon the very conceptual tools they are using. Module 2: Democratic Knowledge Shadi Bartsch, Will Howell This module offers a variation on studies of the epistemic powers of democracy. Instead of asking questions such as how effective democracies are at gathering the knowledge they need to function, the module looks at...

CLAS 41717. The Mediterranean Sea in Antiquity: Imperial Connections. 100 Units.
The Mediterranean Sea has long inspired imaginings of lands and peoples connected by its waters. From the Romans' Mare Nostrum, "our sea," to today's variants of "middle sea" - Greek Mesogeios, German Mittelmeer, and of course, Latin Mediterranean - imaginations of the sea have often celebrated its spatial and social cohesion. The Mediterranean continues to possess a middling geopolitical identity today, situated as it is between continental Europe, the Aegean, the Middle East, and North Africa. And yet, despite our diachronic investment in recognizing the Mediterranean's grand narrative as a locus of cultural connectivity, its long-term histories of interregional dynamics remain difficult to approach holistically. This concern is especially salient when it comes to the study of ancient empires, those large, expansionary polities whose social, political, and economic
practices drew disparate groups together, and at times forced them apart. This class has two closely related objectives. First, we tackle the most ambitious pieces of scholarship on Mediterranean history to evaluate how various disciplines have sought to analyze and to bound the sea as a cartographic whole. In the process, we gain an appreciation not only for the methodological and interpretive scales involved in such an undertaking, but for the various disciplinary strategies the Mediterranean’s diverse histories have inspired. Second, we interrogate one sociopolitical structure - the empire - and question how the Mediterranean encouraged and challenged imperialism as a recurring formation that worked to maintain sovereignty across broad geographical expanses. In doing so, we explore the variegated processes of cultural connectivity that have characterized the ancient Mediterranean from east to west.

Equivalent Course(s): ANTH 46715, NEHC 40020, ANCM 41717, HIST 51300, CDIN 41717

CLAS 42323. Readings of Homer: Ancient, Medieval, and Now. 100 Units.

This seminar approaches Homeric studies as a sub-discipline in Classics that has created a breadth of methodologies and hermeneutical approaches, both new and old, that are central to the evolution of Classical Studies and literary theory more generally. The seminar deals with different readings of Homer-scholarly and otherwise-from the ancient scholia to the present day. On the modern side, we will engage with the history of Homeric scholarship (oral theory, narratology, neoanalysis) as well as new directions in modern scholarship (affect studies, cognitive theory). On the premodern side, the seminar will focus on interpretations that applied rhetorical theory, Neoplatonic philosophy, and ancient scholarship, to ensure Homer’s enduring canonical status among Platonists and Christians. The seminar will include substantial reading of original texts, and will result in an extended research paper, to be completed in the Winter term.
Instructor(s): Emily Austin, Anthony Kaldellis Terms Offered: Autumn

CLAS 42324. Ancient Carthage II. 100 Units.

Ancient Carthage, the semitic empire brought down by a series of wars with Rome, has loomed large across many fields, leaving its imprint through archeology, history, literature, commerce, politics, and more - even if very little has survived of its own literature. Vergil used Carthaginian Dido, improbably, as his etiology for the Punic Wars, and the Romans spoke derogatively of "Punica fides" as part of their hostile propaganda. But for us, the city affords a chance to consider the many lenses through which historians and artists have seen this powerful Tyrian settlement in North Africa, whose army was most likely made up of native Libyans, Iberians, Phoenicians, and even Greeks. The Research seminar is co-taught by two faculty members with different field interests: drawing on its methodological pluralism, the seminar approaches the topic through historical, archaeological, and literary sources and modes of analysis, and surveys issues of method and the history of scholarship on the chosen topic (in this case, Carthage). We will have a few visitors in class. The second quarter is reserved for the researching and writing by students of article-length seminar papers, and we will meet regularly to workshop the papers-in-progress.
Instructor(s): Shadi Bartsch; Carolina Lopez-Ruiz Terms Offered: Winter

CLAS 42425. Renaiss. Humanism. 100 Units.

Humanism in the Renaissance was an ambitious project to repair what idealists saw as a fallen, broken world by reviving the lost arts of antiquity. Their systematic transformation of literature, education, art, religion, architecture, and science dramatically reshaped European culture, mixing ancient and medieval and producing
the foundations of modern thought and society. Readings focus on primary sources: Petrarch, Poggio, Ficino, Pico, Castiglione, and Machiavelli, with a historiographical review of major modern treatments of the topic. We will discuss the history of the book, cultural and intellectual history, and academic writing skills especially planning the dissertation as a book and writing and submitting articles to journals.

Instructor(s): A. Palmer Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): Upper-level undergraduates with consent of instructor. Students with Latin, Greek, Italian, French, Spanish, or German will have the opportunity to use them.
Equivalent Course(s): ITAL 42503, CMLT 42503, HIST 42503

CLAS 42600. Ekphrasis: Art & Description. 100 Units.
This course explores the rich tradition of ekphrasis in Greco-Roman and Christian antiquity - as it ranges from vivid description in general to a specific engagement with works of art. While the prime focus will remain on texts from Greece and Rome (both prose and verse) - in order to establish what might be called the ancestry of a genre in the European tradition -- there will be opportunity in the final paper to range beyond this into questions of religious writing about art, comparative literature, art (history) writing and ekphrasis in other periods or contexts. The course is primarily intended for graduates - and a reading knowledge of Greek and Latin could not be described as a disadvantage! The course will be taught over 5 weeks in the Spring Quarter on an intensive schedule. It will be examined on the basis of a paper, due on a subject to be agreed and on a date to be agreed at the end of the Spring quarter.
Instructor(s): J. Elsner Terms Offered: Spring
Equivalent Course(s): NTEC 40400, BIBL 40400, ARTH 40400, RLVC 40400

CLAS 42720. The Return of Migration: Mobility and the New Empiricism. 100 Units.
This seminar questions the prerogatives of disciplines in framing and explaining social change via mobility. Following earlier theories of diffusion to understand diachronic cultural change, and the subsequent contextual critiques that privilege historical contingencies and human agency, advances in identifying past human movement through techniques like ancient DNA genome testing have increasingly led to the revival of migration as a subject of focus and explanation. As growing interest in contemporary refugee and forced migration studies is showing, migration represents not just a wide-ranging practice of different types, but is a semantically charged and ambiguous term whose recent applications provide new opportunities to assess its interpretive advantages and limitations. Is the new empirical emphasis on migration re-racializing antiquity? What do we gain by studying concepts of diasporas, transnationalism, and border crossings in the premodern world? Why does migration matter? Divided into two parts, the course covers the conceptual and theoretical work in current literature on migration as well as applications to specific historical problems from ancient and modern Eurasia.
Instructor(s): J. Osborne and Catherine Kearns Terms Offered: Winter
Equivalent Course(s): HIST 50500, NEHC 42720, CDIN 42720

CLAS 44300. The Iliad. 100 Units.
In this course we will read the Iliad in translation, supplemented by selections from other works from the archaic period, including fragments from the Epic Cycle and the Hesiodic Catalogue of Women. We will also make some turns toward recent Iliadic ventures in English, including Alice Oswald’s Memorial and Christopher Logue’s War Music. "The poem of force" according to Simone Weil, the Iliad is also the poem of marriage, homosociality/the "Männerbund", and exchange. Among our concerns will be: the poetics of traditionality; the political economy of epic; the Iliad’s construction of social order; the uses of reciprocity; gender in the Homeric poems. Although no knowledge of Greek is required for this course, there will be assignment options for those who wish to do reading in Greek. Requirements: weekly readings; response paper posted on Canvas for each class meeting; final paper.
Instructor(s): Laura Slatkin Terms Offered: Spring. Course will be taught Spring 2023
Prerequisite(s): Open to undergraduates with the instructor’s consent.
Note(s): The seminar will take place on Monday/Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.*, during the first five weeks of the term (March 20 – April 19, 2023).
Equivalent Course(s): FNDL 21214, SCTH 31210

CLAS 44512. Virgil, The Aeneid. 100 Units.
A close literary analysis of one of the most celebrated works of European literature. While the text, in its many dimensions, will offer more than adequate material for classroom analysis and discussion, attention will also be directed to the extraordinary reception of this epic, from Virgil’s times to ours.
Instructor(s): G. Most
Equivalent Course(s): SCTH 35902, ENGL 35902, CMLT 35902

CLAS 44916. The Discovery of Paganism. 100 Units.
How do we know what we know about ancient religions? Historians of religion often begin by turning to texts: either sacred texts, or, in the absence of such scriptures, descriptions of belief and practice by observers from outside the faith. Archaeologists focus their attention on the spaces and traces of religious practice-or at least those that survive-while art historians begin by examining images of deities and religious rites. Yet we often fail to see the extent to which the questions which we ask of all of these diverse sources are conditioned by Christian rhetoric about pagan worship. In this course, we compare two moments when Christians encountered “pagans”: during the initial Christian construction of a discourse on paganism (and, more broadly, a discourse on religion) during the late Roman empire and during the Spanish discovery of the New World. Our course
examines and absences and silences in the textual and material records, as well as the divergences between texts and objects, in order to further our understanding of ancient religious practice. We will begin to see the many ways in which, as scholars of religion, we are in effect still Christian theologians, paving the way for new approaches to the study of ancient religion.

Equivalent Course(s): ANCM 44916, HIST 64202, KNOW 40301, HREL 40301, LACS 40301, CDIN 40301, ARTH 40310

CLAS 45116. Seminar: Patronage and Culture in Renaissance Italy and Her Neighbors I. 100 Units.
A two-quarter research seminar; the first quarter may be taken separately as a colloquium with the instructor’s permission. The great works of literature, philosophy, art, architecture, music, and science which the word “Renaissance” invokes were products of a complex system of patronage and hierarchy, in which local, personal, and international politics were as essential to innovation as ideas and movements. This course examines how historians of early modern Europe can strive to access, understand, and describe the web of hierarchy and inequality that bound the creative minds of Renaissance Europe to wealthy patrons, poor apprentices, distant princes, friends and rivals, women and servants, and the many other agents, almost invisible in written sources, who were vital to the production and transformation of culture.

Equivalent Course(s): HIST 81503, KNOW 41402, ITAL 41503

CLAS 45117. Seminar: Patronage and Culture in Renaissance Italy and Her Neighbors II. 100 Units.
The second quarter is mainly for graduate students writing a seminar research paper.

Equivalent Course(s): ITAL 41504, KNOW 41403, HIST 81504

CLAS 45200. Papyrology and Early Christian Backgrounds. 100 Units.
This course comprises an introduction to Greek papyrus texts with a view to their contributions to Biblical and early Christian backgrounds. We will read and discuss examples of different genres of documentary papyri, including private letters, marriage contracts, adoption agreements, leases, receipts, and many others. We will also examine documents which directly illustrate religious practice, such as oracles and formal decrees regulating and prohibiting religious activity. In general we will address topics such as the important contribution of papyrology to the language of the New Testament, the form of papyrus letters compared with the NT “epistle,” and the contribution of historical, social, and religious insights gleaned from the papyri to the early Christian context.

Instructor(s): David Martinez Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): 2 years of Greek.

Note(s): This course meets the HS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students.

Equivalent Course(s): BIBL 51000, GREK 45400, RLST 21101, HCHR 51001

CLAS 45623. Rhetoric and Philosophy. 100 Units.
This seminar will examine the primal scene(s) of the split between rhetoric and philosophy in the classical Greek world, and then trace significant points in the history of their relationship up to the present. Part of our scope will be to reevaluate this traduced art with a view to the present day breakdown of political dialogue. Readings will range from Aristotle to Habermas.

Instructor(s): Shadi Bartsch Terms Offered: Spring

CLAS 46616. Religion and Reason. 100 Units.
The quarrel between reason and faith has a long history. The birth of Christianity was in the crucible of rationality. The ancient Greeks privileged this human capacity above all others, finding in reason the quality wherein man was closest to the gods, while the early Christians found this viewpoint antithetical to religious humility. As religion and its place in society have evolved throughout history, so have the standing of, and philosophical justification for, non-belief on rational grounds. This course will examine the intellectual and cultural history of arguments against religion in Western thought from antiquity to the present. Along the way, of course, we will also examine the assumptions bound up in the binary terms ‘religion’ and ‘reason.’

Equivalent Course(s): HIST 66606, PHIL 43011, KNOW 40301, CHSS 40201, DVPR 46616

CLA 47717. Seminar: Augustine Confessions. 100 Units.
This seminar is based on an in-depth reading of the Confessions, with use of the Latin text. Topics to be covered will be determined by consensus during the first week, but they may include the Genesis of the work in relation to Augustine’s life and literary oeuvre (e.g. vis-à-vis the partly contemporary De Doctrina and De Trinitate); its structure (including the relationship between books I-X and XI-XIII) and narrative technique; its meditative versus dialogical character; Augustine’s representation of the self and his method of Biblical exegesis; Manichean and Neoplatonic influences; and ancient (Pelagius) and postmodern readings of the Confessions (Lyotard, Marion). Once-weekly meetings will consist of discussions, lectures, and reports.

Instructor(s): Marie Nicosia Terms Offered: Winter

Equivalent Course(s): CHEM 47717, HCHR 47717, HREL 47717, HIST 64301

CLAS 48017. Phaedras Compared: Adaptation, Gender, Tragic Form. 100 Units.
This seminar places Racine’s French neoclassical tragedy Phaedra within a wide-ranging series of adaptations of the ancient myth, from its Greek and Latin sources (Euripides, Seneca, Ovid) to twentieth-century and contemporary translations and stage adaptations (Ted Hughes, Sarah Kane), read along with a series of theoretical and critical texts. Particular attention will be paid to critical paradigms and approaches in the evolving fields of classical reception studies, theater and performance studies, and gender studies. Reading knowledge of French strongly preferred.

Equivalent Course(s): TAPS 48017, GNE 48017, FREN 48017, CMLT 48017, CDIN 48017
CLAS 48616. Hölderlin and the Greeks. 100 Units.
The German poet Friedrich Hölderlin submitted to the paradoxical double-bind of Johann Joachim Winckelmann's injunction that "the only way for us [Germans] to become great or - if this is possible - inimitable, is to imitate the ancients." As he wrote in his short essay "The standpoint from which we should consider antiquity," Hölderlin feared being crushed by the originary brilliance of his Greek models (as the Greeks themselves had been), and yet foresaw that modern European self-formation must endure the ordeal of its encounter with the Greek Other. The faculty of the imagination was instrumental to the mediated self-formation of this Bildung project, for imagination alone was capable of making Greece a living, vitalizing, presence on the page. Our seminar will therefore trace the work of poetic imagination in Hölderlin's texts: the spatiality and mediality of the written and printed page, and their relation to the temporal rhythms of lived experience. All texts will be read in English translation, but a reading knowledge of German and/or Greek would be desirable. Equivalent Course(s): CMLT 48616, GRMN 48616

CLAS 49000. Prospectus Workshop. 100 Units.
A workshop for Classics students who have completed coursework and qualifying exams, it aims to provide practical assistance and a collaborative environment for students preparing the dissertation prospectus. It will meet bi-weekly for two quarters.
Instructor(s): Christoper Faraone Terms Offered: Autumn Winter

CLAS 49200. Pedagogy for the Ancient Language Classroom. 100 Units.
This course offers a survey of the fundamentals of pedagogy for the ancient language classroom with an emphasis on introductory and intermediate instruction. Topics include methods of language teaching, language skills and proficiency, modes of assessment, course design, textbook selection, educational technology, online resources, lesson planning, effective presentation, support materials, and the principles and practices of classroom management. Activities include the creation of sample materials and mock teaching. Students who successfully complete this course will acquire a foundation in language pedagogy and be well prepared for introductory and intermediate instruction in languages such as Latin and ancient Greek.
Instructor(s): Christopher Simon Terms Offered: Autumn

CLAS 49700. Reading Course: Classics. 100 Units.
Reading Courses are designed ad-hoc in consultation between one or more students and a faculty member, usually in preparation for a student's research project. They carry the same workload as regularly scheduled courses.

CLAS 50000. Rhetoric and Poetics Workshop. 000 Units.
TBA
Instructor(s): TBA Terms Offered: Autumn Spring Winter

CLAS 70000. Advanced Study: Classical Languages & Literature. 300.00 Units.
Advanced Study: Classical Languages & Literature

CLAS 75000. Advanced Research. 300.00 Units.
TBD
Terms Offered: Autumn

GREEK COURSES

GREK 32700. Survey of Greek Literature I: Poetry. 100 Units.
This course will cover the long life of ancient Greek poetry, touching on many genres in their first forms: epic and hymns, poetry that is theogonic, iambic, elegiac, lyric, epinician, tragic, comedic, dithyrambic and some poems that are practically unclassifiable. We will seek to discuss key moments, passages, and poems that give us entry to larger literary questions and themes. We will pay particular attention to details of genre, dialect, and meter, while also being attentive to the history of scholarship that attends on these traditions. We will read a lot of Greek.
Instructor(s): S. Nooter Terms Offered: Autumn

GREK 32800. Survey of Greek Literature II. 100 Units.
A study of the creation of the canonical Greek prose style in the 5th and 4th centuries. Rapid reading and translation exercises.
Instructor(s): H. Dik Terms Offered: Winter

GREK 33223. Hellenistic Literature. 100 Units.
This course features selections from the poetry and/or prose of the Hellenistic periods. This year we will read selections from the poetry, with a particular focus on Theocritus and Callimachus.
Instructor(s): C. Faraone Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): GREK 20300 or equivalent
Equivalent Course(s): GREK 23223

GREK 34124. Athanasius on the Incarnation. 100 Units.
Athanasius was born and reared in Alexandria where he received a thorough classical education. He eventually became secretary to the bishop Alexander, with whom he attended the Council of Nicaea in 325 and whom he succeeded as bishop of Alexandria in 328. For the rest of his life, both in his theological writings and in his turbulent ecclesiastical career, he was a fervent advocate for the Nicene formulations, resisting Arianism at every
turn. His most famous work, the De Incarnatione, expounds how Jesus the Word, by becoming flesh, restores to fallen humans the image of God in which they were created. We will read a good part (about 60 pages) of this celebrated treatise with attention to Athanasius’ straightforward Greek style, his portrait of the logos, and his enduring contribution to Trinitarian theology.

Instructor(s): David Martinez
Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): 2 years of Greek
Note(s): This course meets the HS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students.
Equivalent Course(s): BIBL 42215, RLST 22215, GREK 24124

GREK 34400. Greek Prose Composition. 100 Units.
The goal of this course is to write accurate sentences and paragraphs in classical Attic Greek. We are not concerned here with stylistic imitation, but rather to write Attic prose clearly and correctly. The most obvious benefits of this exercise will be thorough review of basic morphology and syntax as well as fine-tuning one’s grasp of the more subtle nuances of the Greek language. Another important benefit is cultivating Attic prose as a kind of linguistic standard or canon by which we are able to better understand other Greek styles of writing and types of diction. The vantage point of a standard allows us to analyze and understand other styles on their own terms and merits, whether Herodotos, epic, tragedy, New Testament, etc.

Instructor(s): David Martinez
Terms Offered: Spring
Equivalent Course(s): BIBL 34400

GREK 35417. The Paris Magical Codex (PGM IV) 100 Units.
The Greek magical papyri have been called “one of the largest collections of functioning ritual texts... that has survived from late-antiquity” (J.Z. Smith) and deserve close study. The Paris magical codex (PGM IV) is by far the longest and best preserved and will be the focus of the seminar not only as a key transmitter of scores of magical recipes, but also as a material artifact, that needs to be approached from the discipline of papyrology. In this seminar, then, we will devote much time to papyrological practice by editing the entire text of PGM IV and observing many of its important features: codicology, page setup, paleography, drawings, patterns. But we will also discuss how this handbook is an important source for the history of ancient curses, amulets, divination and erotic magic.

Equivalent Course(s): GREK 42417

GREK 36100. Introduction to Papyrology. 100 Units.
This course will concentrate on the methods and perspectives of the discipline of papyrology, including the “hands on” experience of working with photographed and scanned texts of various collections. No previous knowledge of the field is assumed; we will begin from the ground up. Approximately the first six weeks of the course will be devoted to an introduction to the study of papyri, in which our concerns will include the following: 1. transcription and analysis of different paleographic styles, including literary hands and documentary Ptolemaic scripts. 2. extensive reading of edited papyrus texts from the Pestman and Loeb editions and elsewhere; 3. careful attention to the linguistic phenomenon of koine Greek with regard to phonology, morphology, and syntax; how the koine differs from the classical language and the relationship of the idiom of the papyri to that of other koine documents, such as the New Testament; the importance of koine linguistics to textual criticism. 4. investigation of the contribution of papyrology to other areas of the study of antiquity such as literature, social history, linguistics, textual criticism, and religion.

Instructor(s): David Martinez
Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): Three years of Greek
Note(s): This course is open to undergrads by Petition only.
Equivalent Course(s): BIBL 43300

GREK 36918. Readings in Plutarch’s Demonology. 100 Units.
We will read sections of Plutarch’s Moralia dealing with the topic of daimones, particularly from the treatise De defectu oraculorum (“On the Decline of the Oracles”). We will also read the major demonological passages from the Greek New Testament and compare the perspectives on the origin, nature, and activities of the daemon.

Instructor(s): David Martinez
Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): At least two years of Greek required.
Equivalent Course(s): BIBL 46900

GREK 37114. Origen of Alexandria. 100 Units.
It is difficult to conceive of doing justice to the vast scope of Origen’s work in one quarter, but we will do our best to sample generous selections from the Greek text of his exegetical, homiletic, and doctrinal writing, including a substantive selection from his Treatise on Prayer and perhaps the section of the Dialogue with Heracleides preserved among the Tura papyri. We will of course focus on Origen as the greatest exponent of the allegorical method of biblical interpretation and its Platonic underpinnings. We will also consider carefully the style of his Greek and his position as a Christian apologist.

Equivalent Course(s): BIBL 49800

GREK 37122. Praising the Gods: Greek Hymnic Poetry and Its Context. 100 Units.
In this course we will read a broad range of Greek hymnic poetry, starting with Hesiod’s invocation to the Muses in the Theogony, followed by a selection from the Homeric Hymns, the Orphic hymns, and later literary or philosophical hymns by Callimachus and Proclus. Close readings will explore matters of language, genre, and
literary tropes, as well as the evolving religious and cultural context of the hymns through the long chronological span in which the genre was productive in Greek antiquity.

Instructor(s): Carolina López-Ruiz
Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): Two years of Greek.
Equivalent Course(s): HREL 47518, CLCV 27522, GREK 27122, CLAS 37522, RLST 27518

**GREK 37423. The Acts of Paul and Thecla and the Pastoral Epistles. 100 Units.**

In the early second century there were bitter battles over the legacy of Paul and his preserved letters in terms of gender, sexuality, family life, asceticism, church administration, and theological vision. We can see these well by reading the narrative text The Acts of Paul and Thecla alongside the "Pastoral Epistles" (1 and 2 Timothy, Titus), the former championing a female, cross-dressing ascetic Christ-missionary and the latter, in pseudepigraphical epistolary texts written in the dead Paul's name, insisting on patriarchal family life and women's adherence to traditional roles. In this course we shall read both sets of texts carefully in Greek, noting points of similarity and contestation, and test various models of how these sources-each of which seeks to "fix" the Pauline legacy in its own way-are related to one another. Time allowing, we shall also look at the later reception of the cult of Saint Thecla and late antique interpretations of "the apostle," Paul, on these issues of sexuality and gender roles, and their perduring influence in contemporary debates.

Instructor(s): Margaret Mitchell
Terms Offered: Autumn
Prerequisite(s): At least one year of Greek, or equivalent.

Note(s): This course meets the HS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students.
Equivalent Course(s): RLST 22035, GNSE 22035, FNDL 22035, BIBL 42035, GREK 27423, GNSE 42035, HCHR 42035

**GREK 40617. Sem: Epictetus/Aurelius. 100 Units.**

Both Epictetus' Discourses and Marcus Aurelius' Meditations have been philosophical best sellers ever since antiquity. Both humanize ancient Stoicism. In this seminar, we will look closely at the Greek text to investigate each author's unique response to Stoic doctrine. The focus of the seminar will on the creativity of each author in reshaping Stoic doctrine. We will also look at the reception of these authors in the Renaissance and later.

Prerequisite: the equivalent of two years of Ancient Greek.
Instructor(s): E. Asmis.
Terms Offered: Spring
Equivalent Course(s): BIBL 40617

**GREK 41217. Aeschylus' Oresteia: Drama and Democracy. 100 Units.**

The Oresteia: Aeschylus's prizewinning trilogy explores (among other things) the fortunes of the house of Atreus, the making of the polis, matters of state, gender trouble, questions of kinship, revenge and its impasses, institutions of justice. Ancient Greek theater in the early-mid 5th c. BCE both maps and reckons with the constitutive tensions in the polis between residual (but still influential) aristocratic norms and practices and the newly dominant (but still developing democratic ethos and ideals - its practices institutionalized in the assembly, the magistrates, and the courts. Aeschylus's Oresteia both represents and contributes to that debate (in antiquity and in current scholarship). This trilogy helps us understand crucial aspects of the society that produced it but also invites us to reflect on the ways ancient literature informs how we think about ourselves and our predicaments now - political, familial, existential. And the Oresteia further invites us to think about the uses and possibilities of theater, then and now. We will supplement our reading of the play with commentary grounded in literary interpretation and cultural poetics, as well as philosophy and political theory. Although no knowledge of Greek is required for this course, there will be assignment options for those who wish to do reading in Greek.

Instructor(s): Laura Slatkin
Terms Offered: Not offered in 21-22.
Equivalent Course(s): SCTH 31224, FNDL 21224

**GREK 41220. Sophocles, The Women of Trachis. 100 Units.**

A close literary and philological analysis of one of the most remarkable and perplexing of all Greek tragedies. While this has traditionally been one of the most neglected of Sophocles' tragedies, it is a drama of extraordinary force and beauty and the issues that it explores - husband and wife, parents and child, sexual violence, myth and temporality, divinity and humanity, suffering and transcendence - are ones that are both of permanent interest and of particular relevance to our present concerns. The poetic text, in its many dimensions, will offer more than adequate material for classroom analysis and discussion, but some attention will also be directed to the reception of this play.

Instructor(s): Glenn Most
Terms Offered: Not offered in 21-22.
Prerequisite(s): PQ: A reading knowledge of ancient Greek or the consent of the instructor; open to graduate students and, with the consent of the instructor, to undergraduates.
Equivalent Course(s): GNSE 35991, SCTH 35991

**GREK 42118. The Embodied Word in Greek Poetry. 100 Units.**

This course examines materiality in practice and materiality as metaphor in Greek poetry. Themes for exploration will include the shared identity of music and poetry in the Homeric world; erotic language and temporalities in archaic lyric poetry; the relationship of poetic sound and embodied performance in choral song; and the role of the written word in instantiating the poetic one in several contexts and media of poetic production and transmission. Readings will include Homer, Archilochus, Sappho, Simonides, Pindar, Aristophanes, Timotheus, Plato and epigrams, as well as some poems in English from the modern period.
Instructor(s): S. Nooter Terms Offered: Autumn

GREK 42417. The Paris Magical Codex (PGM IV) 100 Units.
The Greek magical papyri have been called "one of the largest collections of functioning ritual texts... that has survived from late-antiquity" (J.Z. Smith) and deserve close study. The Paris magical codex (PGM IV) is by far the longest and best preserved and will be the focus of the seminar not only as a key transmitter of scores of magical recipes, but also as a material artifact, that needs to be approached from the discipline of papyrology. In this seminar, then, we will devote much time to papyrological practice by editing the entire text of PGM IV and observing many of its important features: codicology, page setup, paleography, drawings, patterns. But we will also discuss how this handbook is an important source for the history of ancient curses, amulets, divination and erotic magic.
Equivalent Course(s): GREK 35417

GREK 45400. Papyrology and Early Christian Backgrounds. 100 Units.
This course comprises an introduction to Greek papyrus texts with a view to their contributions to Biblical and early Christian backgrounds. We will read and discuss examples of different genres of documentary papyri, including private letters, marriage contracts, adoption agreements, leases, receipts, and many others. We will also examine documents which directly illustrate religious practice, such as oracles and formal decrees regulating and prohibiting religious activity. In general we will address topics such as the important contribution of papyrology to the language of the New Testament, the form of papyrus letters compared with the NT "epistle," and the contribution of historical, social, and religious insights gleaned from the papyri to the early Christian context.
Instructor(s): David Martinez Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): 2 years of Greek.
Note(s): This course meets the HS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students.
Equivalent Course(s): CLAS 45200, BIBL 51000, RLST 21101, HCHR 51001

GREK 46518. Sem: Hesiod and the Homeric Hymns. 100 Units.
We will read in Greek and slowly discuss Hesiod’s Theogony, the proem to the Works and Days and the four longer Homeric Hymns to Aphrodite, Apollo, Demeter and Hermes. Students will be evaluated on their in-class translations and a seminar paper.
Instructor(s): C. Faraone & B. Lincoln Terms Offered: Winter
Equivalent Course(s): HREL 46518, ANCM 36518

GREK 47123. Euripides, _Bacchae,:_ Madness, Contagion, Responsibility, Shame, and Guilt. 100 Units.
Careful study of one, slightly mutilated, Euripidean tragedy and its intellectual descendants, including the medieval mystery-play _Khristos pashkhn:_ Nietzsche’s _Birth of Tragedy_ and _Ecce Homo:_ ; E. R. Dodds, _The Greeks and the Irrational:_ ; Georges Devereux, "The Psychotherapy Scene in Euripides’s _Bacchae,:_ "; Bernard Williams, _Shame and Necessity:_ ; translations by Wole Soyinka, C. K. Williams, and Anne Carson. Familiarity with ancient Greek advisable but not required.
Instructor(s): Haun Saussy Terms Offered: Autumn. Autumn 2023
Prerequisite(s): Undergrads requires Instructor’s permission to register
Equivalent Course(s): KNOW 50000, SCTH 25000, SCTH 50000, KNOW 25000

GREK 49700. Reading Course: Greek. 100 Units.
Reading Courses are designed ad-hoc in consultation between one or more students and a faculty member, usually in preparation for a student’s research project. They carry the same workload as regularly scheduled courses.

LATIN COURSES

LATN 31900. Roman Comedy. 100 Units.
Plautus’ Pseudolus is read in Latin, along with secondary readings that explain the social context and the theatrical conventions of Roman comedy. Class meetings are devoted less to translation than to study of the language, plot construction, and stage techniques at work in the Pseudolus.
Instructor(s): David Wray Terms Offered: Spring
Prerequisite(s): LATN 20300 or equivalent
Equivalent Course(s): LATN 21900

LATN 32324. Tacitus, Histories, book I. 100 Units.
Tacitus made his debut as a historian with the Histories, a grim but vivid account of Roman imperial rule from Galba to Domitian. The focus of the course is book I, which describes the succession of coups and revolts that made 69 AD the “Year of the Four Emperors”. It provides a rare opportunity to see how Tacitus structures his narrative in comparison with parallel sources, and to appreciate the bold effects which make his style uniquely Tacitean.”
Instructor(s): Peter White Terms Offered: Autumn
Equivalent Course(s): LATN 22324

LATN 32700. Survey of Latin Literature I. 100 Units.
Substantial selections will be read from Cato, Caesar, Cicero, Sallust, Livy, Seneca, Pliny, and Tacitus with an eye toward how the collapse of the Roman Republic affected literary expression.
Instructor(s): Michele Lowrie Terms Offered: Autumn
LATN 32800. Survey of Latin Literature II. 100 Units.
We shall read extended selections from poetry writers of recognized importance to the Latin tradition. Our sampling of texts will emphasize writers of the Late Republic and Early Principate.
Instructor(s): David Wray Terms Offered: Autumn

LATN 34400. Latin Prose Composition. 100 Units.
This course is a practical introduction to the styles of classical Latin prose. After a brief and systematic review of Latin syntax, we combine regular exercises in composition with readings from a variety of prose stylists. Our goal is to increase the students' awareness of the classical artists' skill and also their own command of Latin idiom and sentence structure.
Instructor(s): Christopher Simon Terms Offered: Winter
Prerequisite(s): Undergraduates consent of instructor

LATN 35200. Medieval Latin. 100 Units.
The Practice of Carolingian Saints' Tales. Spoken "Lingua Romana rustica" departed from canonical Ancient Latin long before the late eighth century. But at this time the renewed study of the Classics and grammar soon prompted scholars and poets to update the stories of their favorite saints, and to inscribe some for the first time. We shall examine examples of ninth-century Carolingian "réécriture" and of tandem new hagiography in both prose and verse by authors such as Lupus of Ferrières, Marcward of Prüm, Wandalbert of Prüm, Hildegard of Meaux and Heiric of Auxerre. All source readings in Classical Latin adapted to new Carolingian purposes, which we shall also explore historically in their own right.
Instructor(s): Michael Allen Terms Offered: Autumn. This course meets the HS Committee distribution requirement for Divinity students.
Equivalent Course(s): HIST 23207, LATN 25200, HCHR 35200, HIST 33207

LATN 36624. Martial's Epigrams. 100 Units.
Martial's epigrams can be funny, obscene, groveling, literary, outrageous, illuminating, and more. In this course we'll read a selection from the many volumes he wrote, starting with the fascinating Liber de Spectaculis describing apparent snuff plays. We will be using the epigrams as a window into different aspects of first century imperial Roman culture, including doctors, criminal justice, mythology, misogyny, city life, intertextuality, sexuality, obscenity, politics, and more. Please be aware that he can be very vulgar.
Instructor(s): Shadi Bartsch Zimmer Terms Offered: Autumn
Equivalent Course(s): LATN 26624

LATN 40917. Vergilian Receptions. 100 Units.
This seminar offers a series of case-studies in the reception of Vergil's Aeneid. We will start with the ancient commentators, then move on to Macrobius, Fulgentius, and the medieval allegorists, Dante's Inferno, the Aeneid and Christianity, the Aeneid in the New World, the poem's treatment before and after WWI, the Aeneid in the hands of the Italian Fascists, and finally, contemporary trends in interpretation. We will also address reception theory, the figure of Dido through time, and, if there is time, the Aeneid in art. Where possible, readings will be in Latin.
Instructor(s): S. Bartsch-Zimmer

LATN 48116. Seminar: Cicero Orator. 100 Units.
Cicero's culminating essay on oratory is compared with Aristotle's Rhetoric, other rhetorical writings by Cicero, and some of the speeches with the aim of identifying distinctive preoccupations of Latin oratory at the end of the Republic. Topics considered include the influence of philosophy on rhetoric, practice versus theory, teleology in the history of Roman oratory, the construction of Roman auctoritas, and the relation of live performance to publication Ident. CLAS 48116. Peter White. ARR.
Equivalent Course(s): BIBL 48116

LATN 49700. Reading Course: Latin. 100 Units.
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