

Introduction to the Archaeology of Ancient Greece Classics 17A

This course offers an introduction to the art and archaeology of ancient Greece from the Bronze Age to the Hellenistic period (approximately 2500-150/100 BCE). By studying the surviving evidence (much of it the product of archaeological digs), students will be initiated to the architecture, sculpture, ceramics, and other material products of the ancient Greeks. We will examine closely Minoan and Mycenaean palaces and famous ancient temples like the Parthenon, bronze and marble statues of gods and prominent individuals, pots decorated with mythological and everyday-life scenes, and numerous other artifacts. The course will be primarily based on a process of familiarization with the visual evidence: understanding the material developments of Greek antiquity will help students get a firm grasp of the civilization(s) behind them, become better interpreters of the Classical world, and even informed museum visitors. No previous knowledge or experience of ancient Greece will be expected or required.

Lectures will be accompanied by abundant visual material. Grading will be based on attendance, participation in class and section discussion/s and quizzes (30%), two midterms (20+20=40%), and one final exam paper (30%)

NB. Your final exam has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 11.30–2.30pm

Required text

* Richard T. Neer, *Greek Art and Archaeology, c. 2500–c.150 BCE: A New History* (New York 2012)

Other useful textbooks (not required)

* W. R. Biers, *The Archaeology of Greece: An Introduction*, rev.ed. (Ithaca 1987)

* J. Whitley, *The Archaeology of Ancient Greece* (Cambridge 2001)

* C. Mee, *Greek Archaeology: A Thematic Approach* (Malden & Oxford 2011) [available online through OskiCat]

* J. G. Pedley, *Greek Art and Archaeology*, 5th ed. (Upper Saddle River 2012)

* S. E. Alcock & R. Osborne, *Classical Archaeology* (Malden MA 2012)

* J. M. Barringer, *The Art and Archaeology of Ancient Greece* (Cambridge 2014)

* D. Plantzos, *Greek Art and Archaeology, c. 1200-30 BC* (Atlanta 2016)

BASIC CHRONOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK

Early and Middle Bronze Age: ca. 3000—1725/1625 BCE

Late Bronze Age: ca. 1725/1625—1100 BCE

Geometric: ca. 1100—700 BCE

Orientalizing ca. 710—600 BCE

Early Archaic ca. 600—520 BCE

Late Archaic ca. 520—480 BCE

Early Classical ca. 480—440 BCE

High Classical ca. 440—400 BCE

Late Classical ca. 400—323 BCE

Hellenistic ca. 323—100 BCE

CLASSICS 17A (provisional schedule)
 TuTh 9.30-11. Location: 247, Cory Hall

Week	Date		Units
I	8/24		Intro—Chapter 1: CRETE-CYCLADES
II	8/29		Chapter 1: CRETE-CYCLADES
	8/31		Chapter 2: MYCENAEAN WORLD
III	9/5		Chapter 2: MYCENAEAN WORLD
	9/7		Chapter 3: GEOMETRIC GREECE
IV	9/12		Chapter 3: GEOMETRIC GREECE
	9/14		Chapter 4: ORIENTALIZING PERIOD
V	9/19		Chapter 4: ORIENTALIZING PERIOD
	9/21		Chapter 5: ARCHAIC ARCHITECTURE - COINAGE
VI	9/26		Chapter 5: ARCHAIC ARCHITECTURE - COINAGE
	9/28		Chapter 6: EARLY ARCHAIC SCULPTURE
VII	10/3		Chapter 6: EARLY ARCHAIC SCULPTURE
	10/5		Chapter 7: OLYMPIA AND DELPHI
VIII	10/10		Chapter 7: OLYMPIA AND DELPHI
	10/12		MIDTERM 1
IX	10/17		Chapter 8: LATE ARCHAIC
	10/19		Chapter 8: LATE ARCHAIC
X	10/24		Chapter 9: EARLY CLASSICAL
	10/26		Chapter 9: EARLY CLASSICAL
XI	10/31		Chapter 11: ATHENS AND THE AKROPOLIS
	11/2		Chapter 11: ATHENS AND THE AKROPOLIS
XII	11/7		Chapter 12: HIGH CLASSICAL
	11/9		Chapter 12: HIGH CLASSICAL
XIII	11/14		Chapter 13: LATE CLASSICAL
	11/16		MIDTERM 2
XIV	11/21		Chapter 13: LATE CLASSICAL
	11/23	HOLIDAY	
XV	11/28		Chapter 14: HELLENISTIC ARCHAEOLOGY
	11/30		Chapter 14: HELLENISTIC ARCHAEOLOGY
XVI	12/5	RRR week	
	12/7	RRR week	

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