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 Class meets: M. W. 12:40-02:02 PM
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Description of the course

This course provides a detailed overview of capital punishments in ancient Greece and Rome. Each type of punishment will be analyzed from different angles: social, historical, literary and philosophical. The analysis of the various issues will be sustained by gradual reading of the texts required for the course, and by the analysis of significant evidence concerning the topic. Particular emphasis will be given to the thorough study of the primary sources, both literary and archaeological. Two quizzes, a midterm and a final exam will assess the student's progress.

Lecture 1 - 01/23/13	Introduction to the course Introduction to Greek history
Lecture 2 - 01/28/13	Introduction to Greek history
Lecture 3 - 01/30/13	Domestic execution of women
Lecture 4 - 02/04/13	Houses of the dead - <i>apotympanismos</i>
Lecture 5 - 02/06/13	<i>Apotympanismos</i>
Lecture 6 - 02/11/13	Public execution of women
Lecture 7 - 02/13/13	QUIZ # 1 From vengeance to justice
Lecture 8 - 02/18/13	From vengeance to justice

Lecture 9 - 02/20/13	Stoning (topic not to be included in the midterm)
Lecture 10 - 02/25/13	<u>MIDTERM EXAM</u>
Lecture 11 - 02/27/13	Stoning
Lecture 12 - 03/04/13	<i>Praecipitatio</i>
Lecture 13 - 03/06/13	<i>Praecipitatio</i>
Lecture 14 - 03/18/13	*** deadline for reading “<i>The Last Days of Socrates</i>” ***
	Hemlock
Lecture 15 - 03/20/13	Hemlock
Lecture 16 - 03/25/13	<u>QUIZ # 2</u>
	Introduction to Roman history
Lecture 17 - 03/27/13	Domestic executions
Lecture 18 - 04/01/13	Domestic executions
Lecture 19 - 04/03/13	<i>Laqueum</i> and suicide
Lecture 20 - 04/08/13	<i>Securi percussio</i>
Lecture 21 - 04/10/13	<i>October equus</i>
Lecture 22 - 04/15/13	<i>Arbor infelix</i>
Lecture 23 - 04/17/13	Crucifixion
Lecture 24 - 04/22/13	<i>Lex horrendi carminis</i>
Lecture 25 - 04/24/13	<i>Vivicomburium</i>
Lecture 26 - 04/29/13	Falling

Lecture 27 - 05/01/13

***** deadline for reading “*On Crimes and Punishments*” *****

Final discussion

Required texts

- Plato, *The Last Days of Socrates*, by H. Tarrant (ed.) and H. Tredennick (trans.), Penguin Classic 1993, ISBN 978-0140445824. - **MANDATORY**
- Beccaria, *On Crimes and Punishments and Other Writings*, by R. Bellamy (ed.) and R. Davies (trans.), Cambridge University Press 1995, ISBN 978-0521479820. - **MANDATORY**
- D. Johnston, *Roman Law in Context*, Cambridge University Press 1999, ISBN 978-0521639613. - **OPTIONAL**

Course requirements

Attendance

Regular participation and prompt attendance are required. If a student misses more than six classes without an excuse or is consistently unprepared for class, his/her grade will be significantly affected.

Quizzes **CANNOT** be made up. Make-up exams will only be given if a medical or family emergency arises, and the Dean of Students office notifies me.

Grades

Final grades will be weighted as follows:

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| • Attendance and participation | 20% |
| • Quizzes | 20% |
| • Midterm exam | 30% |
| • Final exam | 30% |



THE FINAL EXAM IS CUMULATIVE

Attendance and Participation:

You are expected to attend class meetings and participate in drills, group work, and various translation exercises. You may miss six classes during the term. After the 6th absence, the “attendance and participation” portion of your grade will be reduced (-10% per missed class), unless there are extenuating circumstances.

It is crucial that you regularly review the various sources (literary and archaeological) contained in the PowerPoint presentations and that you familiarize with all items, concepts and terms listed in the various handouts.

Quizzes:

We will have two major quizzes. See the tentative schedule for details. (The format for the quizzes will be the following: multiple choices, fill in the gaps and short essay)

Midterm and Final Exams:

The exams must be taken at the appointed time. No early (or late) exams will be given.

***** No make-up quizzes or exams will be given, except in extenuating circumstances.**

YOU MUST TELL ME BEFORE the quiz or exam if you will miss class.

Grading Scale

	A 94–100	A- 90–93
B+ 87–89	B 84–86	B- 80–83
C+ 77–79	C 74–76	C- 70–73
D+ 67–69	D 63–66	D- 60–63

Exam dates

Quiz # 1:	Lecture 7	(02/13/13)
Quiz # 2:	Lecture 16	(03/25/13)
Mid-term exam:	Lecture 13	(03/06/13)
Final Exam:	M. 05/08/13 - 10:00AM -12:00Noon	

Academic Misconduct

The purpose of a university education is to learn. Cheating, plagiarizing, and other acts of dishonesty do not contribute to learning. They are, rather, attempts to avoid learning that defeat the very purpose of education. They are rightly regarded as both unethical and illegal under the academic standards of The University of Memphis.

For more details about the University policies please refer to:

http://www.memphis.edu/history/misconduct_policy.htm

Student Disability Services

Any student who may need class or test accommodations based on the impact of a disability is encouraged to speak with me privately to discuss your specific needs. Students with disabilities should also contact Student Disability Services (SDS) at 110 Wilder Tower, 678-2880. SDS coordinates accommodations for students with documented disabilities.

Cell phone use is prohibited in class

