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Class meets: M. W. 12:40-02:02 PM  
Location: MN 202 (MN = Manning)  
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Mailbox: JO 108

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 - *apotympanismos*

Lecture 5 - 02/06/13  
*Apotympanismos*

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  MIDTERM EXAM

Lecture 11 - 02/27/13  Stoning

Lecture 12 - 03/04/13  Praecipitatio

Lecture 13 - 03/06/13  Praecipitatio

Lecture 14 - 03/18/13  *** deadline for reading “The Last Days of Socrates” ***

Lecture 15 - 03/20/13  Hemlock

Lecture 16 - 03/25/13  QUIZ # 2

Lecture 17 - 03/27/13  Introduction to Roman history

Lecture 18 - 04/01/13  Domestic executions

Lecture 19 - 04/03/13  Laqueum and suicide

Lecture 20 - 04/08/13  Securi percussio

Lecture 21 - 04/10/13  October equus

Lecture 22 - 04/15/13  Arbor infelix

Lecture 23 - 04/17/13  Crucifixion

Lecture 24 - 04/22/13  Lex horrendi carminis

Lecture 25 - 04/24/13  Vivicomburium

Lecture 26 - 04/29/13  Falling
Lecture 27 - 05/01/13

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

Final discussion

Required texts


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:

• 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

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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.

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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