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Class meets: M.W. 3:05-4:45PM

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### Description of the course

This course tackles modern debates about human sex and gender from a historical perspective, and examines in detail a wide range of different texts that provide us with evidence about sexual practices and ideologies in classical antiquity. Particular emphasis will be given to the thorough study of primary sources, both literary and archaeological, from the Greek and Roman worlds. Major questions addressed will include but will not be limited to:

- What does it mean to be male, female, masculine, feminine, man, woman, boy, girl?
- What can we discover about you from the way(s) you have sex, and with whom?
- How all these things relate to life, love, power?

The student's progressed will be assessed through a series of activities, supervised by the teacher, which include: 1) a pre-midterm exam; 2) a midterm exam; 3) a post-midterm exam 4) a final exam.

### Course schedule

Class #1 - 01/05/15

Class #2 - 01/07/15

Class #3 - 01/12/15

Class #4 - 01/14/15

#### MAIN COORDINATES

Presentation of the course  
Introduction to Greek history (I)

Introduction to Greek history (II)

Guest Lecture: Prof. Patrick Singy

#### ARCAIC GREECE

The homeric poems & Lyric poetry

Class #5 - 01/19/15	<b><u>CLASSICAL GREECE</u></b> The nature of pederastic relations
Class #6 - 01/21/15	<b>EXAM #1</b>  Laws on pederasty (I)
Class #7 - 01/26/15	Laws on pederasty (II)
Class #8 - 01/28/15	Male prostitution
Class #9 - 02/02/15	Homosexuality vs. heterosexuality? (I) Socrates and Plato
Class #10 - 02/04/15	Aristotle and Plutarch
Class #11 - 02/09/15	<b>MIDTERM EXAM</b> 
Class #12 - 02/11/15	Women and homosexuality
Class #13 - 02/16/15	<b><u>ARCAIC AND REPUBLICAN ROME</u></b> Male homosexuality: prostitution, slaves, free citizens
Class #14 - 02/18/15	<i>Lex Scatinia</i> and the edict <i>de attemptata pudicitia</i>
Class #15 - 02/23/15	<b><u>LATE REPUBLIC AND PRINCIPATE</u></b> The poets: selections from Catullus, Ovid, Propertius, Virgil, Horace
Class #16 - 02/25/15	<b>EXAM #2</b>  <i>Lex Iulia de adulteris coercendis</i>
Class #17 - 03/02/15	<i>Carmina priapea</i> , graffiti and satire
Class #18 - 03/04/15	<b><u>THE EMPIRE</u></b> Main sexual practices and laws Women and homosexuality

Class #19 - 03/09/15

*Codex Theodosianus* and *Corpus Iuris Civilis*

Class #20 - 03/11/15

from paganism to judeo-christian ideology



**Required texts** (available from the bookstore)

- *Greek Lyric Poetry*, trans. M. L. West, (Oxford) 2008, ISBN 978-0199540396
- Plato, *Symposium*, trans. R. Waterfield, (Oxford) 2009, ISBN 978-0199540198
- Catullus, *The Poems of Catullus*, trans. G. Lee, (Oxford) 2009, ISBN 978-0199537570
- Juvenal, *The Satires*, trans. N. Rudd, intr. W. Barr (Oxford) 2008, ISBN 978-0199540662
- M. Foucault, *The History of Sexuality, Vol. II: The use of Pleasure*, trans. R. Hurley, (Vintage Books) 1990, ISBN 978-0394751221

**Honor Code**

Union College aims to establish an environment of mutual trust as part of its educational mission. Membership in an academic community requires respect for, and proper acknowledgement of, the thoughts and work of others.

Enrollment in this course signifies implicit agreement with the Academic Honor Code of Union College. The full text of Union's Honor Code may be found on line at <<http://honorcode.union.edu>>. In short, it is the responsibility of all students to ensure that the work they submit is their own, and that their work does not engage in any form of academic misconduct. Students should ask the instructor of the course to clarify any questions that they might have regarding collaboration, citation, plagiarism or related matters. Ignorance is no excuse for violating accepted standards of academic integrity.

**Students must also affix the full Honor Code Affirmation or an appropriately abbreviated version to any assignment submitted for a grade or in-class exam:**

**I affirm that I have done my academic work honestly.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Course requirements

### Attendance


Regular participation and prompt attendance are required. Your attendance grade on the first day of class is 105. You will be granted one free absence. Each subsequent absence will result in a 5-point deduction from that total. After three-absences (this includes the point-free absence), each subsequent absence will result in a 10-point deduction from your attendance average. Three tardies count as one absence. Can absences beyond the one free absence be excused or forgiven? No. It is possible to make up missed work, but not a missed class. The only exceptions to this rule: emergencies documented through the Dean of Studies and absences from classes moved by your instructor from their regular meeting time. **Attendance is crucial.**

### Late Work

if you wish to have the opportunity to make up work without penalty, you must contact your instructor ahead of time. I can be reached most easily by email. If contacting me proves impossible (or if I find the reason inexcusable), you may still make up missed work, but a ten-point penalty will be assessed. Please keep in mind that a ten-point penalty is much better a zero (a one hundred point penalty)!

### Grades

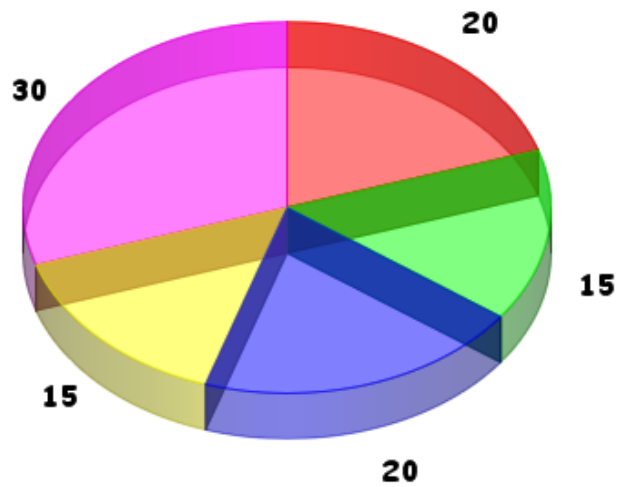
Final grades will be weighted as follows:

 Attendance and participation:	20%	-----
 Exam #1:	15%	Class #6      01//15
 Midterm Exam:	20%	Class #11     02/09/15
 Exam #2:	15%	Class #16     02/25/15
 Final Exam:	30%	TBD



Midterm and Final Exams **ARE CUMULATIVE**

■ Attendance   
 ■ Exam #1   
 ■ Midterm Exam   
 ■ Exam #2   
 ■ Final Exam



Grading Scale

👏	A+ 100	A 94-99	A- 90-93
😊	B+ 87-89	B 83-86	B- 80-83
😞	C+ 77-79	C 74-76	C- 70-73
😱	D+ 67-69	D 63-66	D- 60-63

### ADA Requirements

It is Union College policy to make accommodations for individuals with disabilities. If you have any disability or special concern, please let me know what your needs are in order that they may be accommodated. All discussions will remain confidential to the extent permissible by law.

Students with disabilities needing academic accommodations must also:

- 1." Register with and provide documentation to the Dean of Students Office.
- 2." Present documentation from the Dean of Students Office indicating what academic accommodations you require. This should be done within the first two weeks of the term.

For more information about services available to Union College students with disabilities, please contact the Dean of Students Office:

Shelly Shinebarger, Director of Student Support Services  
Dean of Students Office  
[shinebas@union.edu](mailto:shinebas@union.edu)  
(518) 388-6116

### Cell Phones and Computer Policies

- The use of cell phones, smart phones, or other mobile communication devices is disruptive, and is therefore prohibited during class. All the mobile devices are expected to be **TURNED OFF**. If you are expecting an emergency call please inform the instructor in advance and keep the phone in "silent mode". You should leave the classroom before you answer the call.
- Students are permitted to use computers during class for note-taking and other class-related work **ONLY**.
- The use of all electronic devices, including computers, is prohibited during tests and exams.

