

## HIEU 160 Topics in the History of Greece: Ancient Greek Warfare



Time: Tuesday 1:00-3:50 PM.

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This course will deal with a crucial aspect of ancient Greek life: warfare from the Mycenaean period on. The sources for it and well as their limitations will be discussed. Greek tactics and strategy will be analyzed. More importantly the impact of warfare on Greek society will be considered, its ideology, its motivation, its costs and the role was played in Greek contacts with Non-Greeks.

Grade Breakdown

Class Participation-----	10%
Midterm Paper-----	30%
Final Exam-----	60%

The Midterm Paper will be 10-15 pages on a mutually agreed topic. It will be due in class on February 19. Late papers will be reduced by one grade.

Final Exam: Friday, March 22

**Academic Honesty and Plagiarism:**

It is your responsibility to know and observe all university rules concerning academic honesty and plagiarism. Any student found to have committed a substantial violation of the university rules concerning academic honesty will fail the entire course. If you have any questions about the policies relating to academic honesty and plagiarism, please feel free to speak with me or your TA.

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**Required Texts**

Hanson, Victor, *The Western Way of War*<sup>2</sup>, University of California Press, (Berkeley, 2009).

Sage, Michael, *Warfare in Ancient Greece: a Sourcebook*, Routledge (New York, 1996).

Warry, John, *Warfare in the Classical World*, University of Oklahoma Press (Norman, OK, 1995).

**Recommended**

For those who need a short account of ancient Greek history:

Pomeroy, S, *A Brief History of Ancient Greece*<sup>3</sup>, Oxford University Press (New York, 2012).

This year to access electronic reserves you will need a password. The password for this course is **ms160**. The password is not case sensitive.

## **Week 1**

January 8

Introduction, Sources, Mycenaean Society and Warfare, The Linear B evidence, the Problem of Homer, The End of the Mycenaeans, the Sea peoples and Systems Collapse

Sage x-18

Warry 10-23

Hanson, V. D., "The Modern Historiography of Ancient Warfare", in Sabin, P., van Wees, H. and Whitby, M, (eds) *Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Warfare* vol. 1 (Cambridge, 2007) 3-21

Van Wees, H., "The Homeric Way of War: The *Iliad* and the Hoplite Phalanx", *Greece & Rome* 12 (1994) 1-18.

## **Week 2**

January 15

Dark Age Society and Warfare, the heroic ideal, technological changes, the Greek revival of the late eighth and the development of new equipment, the beginnings of hoplite warfare

Hanson 40-51.

Sage 18-24

Raaflaub, K., "Homeric Warriors and Battles: Trying to Resolve Old Problems", *Classical World* 101 (2000) 469-483.

Snodgrass, A. M., *Arms and Armor of the Greeks* (Baltimore, 1999) 48-77.

## **Week 3**

January 22

Beginning of hoplite warfare continued, what happened in a hoplite battle, the ideology of hoplite warfare, battle as a contest, the organization and supply of war, the Spartan system

Hanson 27-39, 55-102.

Sage 25-38

Warry 34-39

Hunt, P, "Military Forces", in Sabin, P., van Wees, H. and Whitby, M, (eds) *Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Warfare* vol. 1 (Cambridge, 2007) 108-146.

Finley, M. I., "Sparta" in *The Use and Abuse of History* (London, 1986) 161-177.

Connor, W. R., "Greek Land Warfare as Symbolic Expression", *Past & Present* 119 (1988) 3-29.

#### **Week 4**

January 29

Recruitment, Supply, Military Command, Casualties, Women and War, Warfare and slavery, International Relations

Hanson 117-193

Sage 38-40, 55-58, 60-71

Hall, J. M., "International Relations" in Sabin, P., van Wees, H. and Whitby, M, (eds) *Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Warfare* vol. 1 (Cambridge, 2007) 85-107.

Hornblower, S., Warfare in Ancient Literature: The Paradox of War in Sabin, P., van Wees, H. and Whitby, M, (eds.) *Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Warfare*, vol. 1 (Cambridge, 2007) 42-47.

Schaps, D. M., "The Women of Greece in Wartime", *Classical Philology* 77 (1982) 192-213.

#### **Week 5**

February 5

Religion and War, the Economy, Imperialism

Hanson 194-228

Sage x, 100, 103-4, 123, 127-128

Gabrielson, V., "Warfare and the State" in Sabin, P., van Wees, H. and Whitby, M, (eds) *Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Warfare*, vol. 1 (Cambridge, 2007), vol. 1 (Cambridge, 2007) 248-272,

Holladay, A. J. and Goodman, M. D., "Religious Scruples in Ancient Warfare", *Classical Quarterly* 36 (1986) 151-171.

Raaflaub, K., "Democracy, Power and Imperialism Fifth Century Athens", in *Athenian Political Thought and the Reconstruction of American Democracy* ed. J. P. Euben, J. R. Wallacha and J. Ober (Ithaca, 1994) 103-146.

## **Week 6**

February 12

Persian and Peloponnesian Wars

Sage xix-xx1, 71-72, 75-78, 35-137 148-149, 152

Warry 24-34, 39, 40-53.

Pomeroy, S., et al., *Ancient Greece: A Political, Social and Cultural History*<sup>3</sup> (Oxford, 2012) 324-337, 340-357.

Andrewes, A., "Spartan Imperialism", in P. Garnsey and C. R. Whittaker, *Imperialism in the Ancient World* (Cambridge, 1978) 91-102..

## **Week 7**

February 19

Naval and Siege Warfare, Mercenaries

Sage sieges 107-115, 157-161, 217-220; mercenaries xi-xiii, 58-60, 87, 147-157.

Warry naval 30-31, 33,88, 94; sieges, 48-50, 62-63, 78-81, 88-92, mercenaries 92-93

Strauss, B., "Battle: Naval Battles and Sieges", in Sabin, P., van Wees, H. and Whitby, M, (eds) *Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Warfare*, vol. 1 (Cambridge, 2007) 223-247.

Luraghi, N., "Pirates, Warriors: The Proto-History of Greek Mercenary Soldiers in the Eastern Mediterranean", *Phoenix* 60 (2006) 21-47.

## **Week 8**

February 26

The Aftermath of the Peloponnesian War, Social Problems, Developments in Hoplite Tactics and Light-armed Troops.

Sage 135-135-147.

Warry 54- 68

Hanson, V. D., "Epameinondas, the Battle of Leuktra (371 BC) and the Revolution in Greek Battle Tactics", *Classical Antiquity* 7 (1988) 190-207.

## **Week 9**

March 5

Philip II and Alexander

Sage xxiii-xxv, Philip II 158-159, 165-169, 179-181, Alexander 181-196

Warry 68-85

Perlman, S., "Greek Diplomatic Tradition and the Corinthian League of Philip of Macedon" *Historia* 34 (1985) 153-174.

Pomeroy, S., et al., *Ancient Greece: A Political, Social and Cultural History*<sup>3</sup> (Oxford, 2012) 434-468.

## **Week 10**

Hellenistic Warfare

Sage 197-227

Warry 86-99

Sekunda, N. and De Souza, P., "Military Forces", Sabin, P., van Wees, H. and Whitby, M, (eds.) *Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Warfare*, vol. 1 (Cambridge, 2007) 333-348, 354-363

Roth J. P., "War", in Sabin, P., van Wees, H. and Whitby, M, (eds.) *Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Warfare*, vol. 1 (Cambridge, 2007) 368-372,

Serrati, J., "Warfare and the State", in Sabin, P., van Wees, H. and Whitby, M, (eds.) *Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Warfare*, vol. 1 (Cambridge, 2007) 461-482

