

GREEK & ROMAN ATHLETICS (01:190:309:01): T. Corey Brennan (Dept. of Classics)

CAC SC-123, TUESDAY & THURSDAY 2.50-4.10pm, Spring 2016. **Index = 18303**

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Required texts (all in RU Bookstore):

1. Miller, S.G. *Arete. Greek Sports from Ancient Sources*. Third and expanded edition (2012) [=Miller *Arete*]. ISBN 9780520274334. But third edition (2004) is fine too.
2. Miller, S.G. *Ancient Greek Athletics* [=Miller *Athletics*] ISBN 9780300115291
3. Futrell, A. *The Roman Games* (2005) [=Futrell]. ISBN 9781405115698
4. Guttmann, A. *The Olympics: A History of the Modern Games*. Second edition (2002). ISBN 9780252070464

Also: short articles and occasional supplementary materials to be posted on Sakai

Requirements: paper (suggested length 5 pages = 1250 words) + midterm and non-cumulative final. Grade = paper (30%), midterm (30%) and final (40%).

Paper: open topic on any aspect of ancient sport, including relevance to the modern era.

Grading equivalents: 59 or below = F; 60-69 = D; 70-75 = C; 76-79 = C+; 80-85 = B; 86-89 = B+; 90 or above = A.

Schedule of lectures and readings:

I. 19 JANUARY TUESDAY *Introduction and organization*

II. 21 JANUARY THURSDAY *The earliest days of Greek athletics; the athletic body:* **Miller *Athletics* pp. 11-30; Miller *Arete* pp. 1-22**

III. 26 JANUARY TUESDAY *The crown competitions; intro to Bacchylides and Pindar:* **Miller *Athletics* pp. 31-86; *Arete* pp. 63-80**

IV. 28 JANUARY THURSDAY *The crown competitions; intro to Bacchylides and Pindar:* **Miller *Athletics* pp. 31-86; *Arete* pp. 63-80** (continued)

V. 2 FEBRUARY TUESDAY *Running:* **Miller *Arete* pp. 23-27; *Wrestling, Boxing:* Miller *Arete* pp. 27-37; *Pancration, Pentathlon:* **Miller *Arete* pp. 37-50; *Equestrian contests:* Miller *Arete* pp. 50-57; *Contests for music, literature, acting, painting, medicine, beauty:* **Miller *Arete* pp. 57-62******

VI. 4 FEBRUARY THURSDAY *The sites of the crown competitions:* **Miller *Athletics* pp. 87-112; *Arete* pp. 63-80**

VII. 9 FEBRUARY TUESDAY *The Olympic Games, 300 BC reconstructed:* **Miller**

Athletics pp. 113-128; *Arete* pp. 89-104

VIII. 11 FEBRUARY THURSDAY *The money games at Epidaurous, Athens, Larissa and Sparta*: **Miller Athletics pp. 129-149; Arete pp. 81-88**

IX. 16 FEBRUARY TUESDAY *Women in athletics; athletes and heroes*: **Miller Athletics pp. 150-165; Arete pp. 105-119; Sport and recreation: Miller Athletics pp. 166-175; Arete pp. 120-125**

X. 18 FEBRUARY THURSDAY *The gymnasium, athletics, and education*: **Miller Athletics pp. 176-195; Arete pp. 126-152**

XI. 23 FEBRUARY TUESDAY *The spread of Greek athletics in the Hellenistic and Roman periods*: **Miller Athletics pp. 196-206; Arete pp. 153-164**

XII. 25 FEBRUARY THURSDAY *Amateurism and professionalism, nationalism and internationalism; ideals and Realities*: **Miller Athletics pp. 207-240; Arete pp. 165-199**

XIII. 1 MARCH TUESDAY *Amateurism and professionalism, nationalism and internationalism; ideals and Realities*: **Miller Athletics pp. 207-240; Arete pp. 165-199**
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XIV. 3 MARCH THURSDAY **MIDTERM**

XV. 8 MARCH TUESDAY *Politics of the Roman Arena*: **Futrell 1-51**

XVI. 10 MARCH THURSDAY *Amusing the masses II: other entertainment centers (including, baths, bathing, swimming)*: **Futrell pp. 52-83**

XVII. 22 MARCH TUESDAY *A day at the games*: **Futrell pp. 84-119**

XVIII. 24 MARCH THURSDAY *Chariot racing I*: **Futrell pp. 189-221**

XIX. 29 MARCH TUESDAY *Chariot racing II*: **Futrell pp. 189-221** (continued)

XX. 31 MARCH THURSDAY *Life of the Gladiator I*: **Futrell pp. 120-159**

XXI. 5 APRIL TUESDAY *Life of the Gladiator II*: **Futrell pp. 120-159** (continued)

XXII. 7 APRIL THURSDAY *Christians and the Arena*: **Futrell pp. 160-188**

XXIII. 12 APRIL TUESDAY *Modern Olympics I: Origins; Athens 1896 through Amsterdam 1928*: **Guttmann pp. 7-50**

XXIV. 14 APRIL THURSDAY *Modern Olympics II: Los Angeles 1932, Berlin 1936*: **Guttmann pp. 50-71**

XXV. 19 APRIL TUESDAY *Modern Olympics III: London 1948 through Rome 1960:*
Guttmann pp. 73-106

XXVI. 21 APRIL THURSDAY *Modern Olympics IV: Rome 1960 (continued) through Montreal 1976:* **Guttmann pp. 106-148**

XXVII. 26 APRIL TUESDAY *Modern Olympics V: Moscow 1980 through Rio 2016 :*
Guttmann pp. 149-204

XXVIII. 28 APRIL THURSDAY: *Learning from London 2012.* **PAPER DUE**

XXIX. 6 MAY FRIDAY: FINAL EXAM 12.00-3.00 PM in our regular classroom SC-123 (CAC)

Core curriculum

This course is certified for Core learning goal **HST**

Areas of inquiry: Historical Analysis (HST)

— Explain the development of some aspect of a society or culture over time, including the history of ideas or history of science.

— Employ historical reasoning to study human endeavors.

Current Academic Integrity Policy

http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/files/documents/AI_Policy_9_01_2011.pdf

Violations include: cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, denying others access to information or material, and facilitating violations of academic integrity.

Exam makeup policy

One makeup for midterm (strongly discouraged) is offered by prior arrangement, and takes short and long essay form.