I. Nature of the Course

This course will provide an introduction to the social experiences, cultural accomplishments, and status of women in ancient Greek and Roman societies. After introductory lectures that will survey ancient Greek and Roman political and social history, we shall adopt a synthetic approach in which various categories of behavior and experience both among the Greeks and among the Romans will be treated in comparison and contrast. The content of the classes may include lectures, slide lecture(s), discussions of assigned readings, and opportunities for questions. Students will be expected to participate in classroom discussion as much as reasonably possible, given the size of the class. The readings will include two general books on women in the ancient world (Pomeroy and Cantarella) and a collection of ancient sources (Fant & Lefkowitz). This material may be supplemented periodically with handouts. When feasible, class outlines may be circulated. The students are not only responsible for the readings and circulated materials, but also for the material presented in the lectures. Please note that the source passages are more demanding than an equivalent number of pages of other works and time should be reserved for reading them. In the dialogues in this class, students are expected to maintain the proper academic demeanor in their comments. Students are advised to consult the Department of History web page, which provides a good summary of student responsibilities. You must have a functioning Rutgers email account to take this course.

II. Grading and Requirements

A. 30%: Midterm (October 31)
   30%: Paper (due November 28)
   40%: Final (cumulative and comprehensive, with an emphasis on the second half of the course). (December 19, 12:00-3:00)

B. The midterm is an inclass exam, testing material to that date; the format of the test, which will include short and written answers, will be announced.

C. The paper is a research paper of 812 pages to be submitted by the beginning of class on November 28. The research paper should be an analysis of the interpretation of a specific facet of the general topic of the history of women in antiquity. A list of suggestions will be circulated. A topic is to be chosen by October 31, which may be discussed in an individual
meeting with the instructor. A handout with a format of the paper, and suggestions on how it should be researched and written, will also be made available.

III. Required Texts


IV. Outline of Lectures and Readings

Sept. 5: Introduction to the Course

*The Background on Greek and Roman Society*

Sept. 10 (1): Survey of Greek Political History


Sept. 17 (3): Survey of Roman Political History; Survey of Roman Social History

Sept. 19: **No Class**

Sept. 24 (4): Women in GrecoRoman Mythology; Matriarchy: Pomeroy 115; Cantarella 1123; 10112.

Sept. 26 (5): Women in Homeric Epic, and in Bronze Age Reality: Pomeroy 1631; Cantarella 2433.

Oct. 1: Film: First part of “300”

Oct. 3 (6): Film: Second Part of “300”

Oct. 8 (7): Women in Dark Age and Archaic Greece: Lefkowitz ##5458 (pp. 2327); #76 (pp. 5558), ##95100 (pp. 8389); ##16063 (pp. 12930), #234 (p. 178), #164A (p. 375); Pomeroy 3256; Cantarella 3443.

Oct. 10 (8): Female voices in Greek/Latin Poetry: Lefkowitz ##127 (pp. 110); ##6A, 27A (p. 367); Cantarella 7176.

Oct. 15 (9): The Legal Status of Women in Classical Athens: Lefkowitz ##7788 (pp. 5870), ##9194 (pp. 8283), #225 (p. 170), #235 (17879), ##65A, 79A, 87A (pp. 371-72), #212A (p. 377); Pomeroy 5768; Cantarella 4351.

Oct. 17 (10): Women in Classical Literature I (esp. Tragedy): Lefkowitz ##2834 (pp. 1014), ##5961 (pp. 2729), #164 (pp. 13031), #27B-C, 32 A (pp. 367-69); Pomeroy 93112;
Oct. 22 (11): Women in Classical Attic Literature II (especially Comedy): Lefkowitz #35 (pp. 1415), #6267 (pp. 2931), #238 (p. 180), #65A (p. 371); Pomeroy 11219.

Oct. 24 (12): Daily Life of Nonelite Women in Classical Greece I: Lefkowitz #3638 (p. 16), #207 (p. 162), #22626 (pp. 170); #237 (p. 180), #2735 (pp. 2056), #303 (p. 215), #31718 (pp. 21819), #32225 (pp. 21920), #32932 (p. 221), #275A (pp. 378-79).

Oct. 29 (13): Daily Life of Nonelite Women in Classical Greece II: Lefkowitz #8990 (pp. 7182), #236 (pp. 17980), #242 (pp. 18284), #267 (pp.196203), #28688 (pp. 20910), #285A (pp. 379-80).

Oct. 31: MIDTERM

Nov. 5 (14): Women in Republican Rome and Status in Roman Law: Lefkowitz #10748 (pp. 94119), #233 (pp. 17678), #25860 (pp. 19092), #270 (pp. 2045, #111A (p. 374); Pomeroy 14963; Cantarella 11332.

Nov. 7 (15): Legal Status of Roman Women II (esp. Roman Egypt): Lefkowitz #14859 (pp. 119128), #154A (pp. 374-75).

Nov. 12 (16): Female Sexuality in GrecoRoman Society: Lefkowitz #228 (pp. 17072), #23032 (pp. 17476), #24041 (pp. 18182), #28694 (pp. 20913); #285D, 287A-B, 288A-D, 289A-B (pp. 380-83); Cantarella 7789.

Nov. 14 (17): Philosophical Opinions on Women & Female Philosophers: Lefkowitz #7275 (pp. 3854), #208 (pp. 16364); #21619 (pp. 16768); Cantarella 5262.

Nov. 19 (18): The Status of Women in the Hellenistic Period: Lefkowitz #1016 (pp. 8993), #213 (p. 166); #229 (pp. 17273), #3047 (pp. 21617, #32728 (p. 220), #333 (pp. 221222); #53A (pp. 369-71), #100A-B (pp. 372-74), #203A (pp. 376-77), #248A (pp. 377-78), #275C-E (p. 379), 318A (p. 383); Pomeroy 12148; Cantarella 9098.

Nov. 26 (19): Women in the Public Sphere (mainly Roman): Lefkowitz #165206 (pp. 12962), #182A, 196A-B, 201A-B (pp. 375-76); Pomeroy 17689.

Nov. 28 (20): Social Attitudes toward Women in the Late Republic and Early Empire: Lefkowitz #6871 (pp. 3137), #20912 (pp. 16465), #21415 (p. 165), #22024 (pp. 16869), #239 (p. 181), #27382 (pp. 2057), #326 (p. 220).

Dec. 3 (21): Roman Women: Members of the Elite and General Legal Status during the Roman Empire: Lefkowitz #24348 (pp. 18687), #26166 (pp. 19296); Cantarella 13570.

Dec. 5 (22): Nonelite Women during the late Roman Republic and Roman Empire: Lefkowitz #25457 (190), #26869 (pp. 2034), #27172 (205), #28385 (pp. 2089), #289302 (pp. 21015), #30816 (pp. 21718), #31921 (p. 219), #33437 (pp. 22224), #282A-B, 285B-C (p. 379-80), #321A, 331A, 337A (p. 383); Pomeroy 16476, 190204; Cantarella 13233

Dec. 10 (23): Women in Ancient Medicine: Gynecology and Medical Practice: Lefkowitz #24953

Cantarella 6371.

FINAL EXAMINATION: Wednesday, December 19, 12:00-3:00

V. Recommended Readings (available on reserve)

Natalie Kampen & Elizabeth G. Grossmann, Feminism and Methodology: Dynamics of Change in the History of Art and Architecture (Wellesley MA, 1983): HQ1180.W674 no.122
_____., Women in Greek Myth (Baltimore 1986): BL 795.W6L44 1986
D. Schaps, Economic Rights of Women in Ancient Greece (Edinburgh 1979): KBB.S32

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