

GREEK SOCIETY **(190:350) Spring 2007**

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I. Texts

M.M. Austin & P. Vidal-Naquet, *Economic and Social History of Ancient Greece* (Berkeley & Los Angeles [UCal] 1977) = Austin (ISBN: 978-0520042674)
F.J. Frost, *Greek Society*³ (Lexington MA [Heath] 1980) = Frost (ISBN: 978-0669110210)
D.B. Brendan Nagle, *The Ancient World. A Social and Cultural History*⁵ (Upper Saddle River [Prentice Hall] 2002) or later edition = Nagle (ISBN: 0-13-091259-X)

Recommended: A. Andrewes, *The Greeks* (New York [Pelican/Norton]1967) = Andrewes (ISBN: 0393008770)

II. Grading and Requirements

- A. 30% Mid-term (**February 28**)
40% Research Paper (due **April 18**)
30% Final (comprehensive and cumulative, with strong emphasis on the latter part of the course) on **Tuesday, May 8, 12:00-3:00 PM**
- B. The mid-term will be an in-class examination, testing material to its date and will be administered during the regularly-scheduled class period on **February 28**. It may include short answers, identifications, comments on source passages, and a short essay.
- C. The research paper will an analysis of the evidence for some facet of Greek life. A list of suggested topics will be circulated. At the same time, a format and suggestions concerning how the paper may be researched and written will also be made available. A topic is to be chosen by **February 28** and may be discussed with the instructor in an individual meeting, if the student chooses. The paper should be produced by printer, and should be a double-spaced text no less than seven and no more than twelve pages in length. **A copy of the paper is to be retained by the student for his or her own protection.**

III. Synopsis

This course will encompass various aspects of the lives of the ancient Greeks between the end of the of the Mycenaean period (about 1100 B.C.) and the beginning of Roman domination (c. 200 B.C.). This time-span covers the periods that are conventionally called the Dark Age, Archaic period, Classical period, and Hellenistic period. For the purposes of this course, the term “social institutions” will be defined as the following: the habitual ways in which the Greeks of antiquity married, procreated, were raised and educated, gained their livelihood, made peace and war, worshipped their gods, and carried on relations between the sexes, age-groups, and ethnic groups. Naturally, a course on Greek society concerns itself

with the groups into which the Greeks organized themselves in order to conduct these activities, and the groups and classifications into which they relegated others.

IV. Outline of Meetings and Readings

Some Necessary Preliminaries

Week 1 (Jan. 17): Introductions: ecology and constants of Greek life; an outline of Greek history: Nagle 88-93; Frost 115-37; 189-207; also Andrewes 1-13, 52-75.

Week 2 (Jan. 22, 24): General concepts and questions: Austin 3-35, 159-94 (##1-20); also Andrewes 196-229.

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Week 3 (Jan. 29, 31): Mycenaean and Dark Age Greece (Homeric Greece?): Nagle 93-102; Frost 1-36; Austin 36-48, 195-205 (##21-31); also Andrewes 14-51.

Week 4 (Feb. 5, 7): Archaic Greece: Nagle 102-34; Frost 37-40, 44-49; Austin 49-77, 205-44 (##32-52).

Week 5 (Feb. 12, 14): Sparta (typical or atypical Archaic society?): Nagle 110-11; Frost 40-44; Austin 78-93, 245-62 (##53-63).

Week 6 (Feb. 19, 21): Classical Athens (democracy and modernity): Nagle 134-205; Frost 50-59; Austin 94-111, 263-88 (##64-79).

Week 7 (Feb. 26): Hellenistic social conditions: Nagle 205-52; Frost 139-87.

February 28: MID-TERM

Aspects of Greek Society

Week 8 (Mar. 5, 7): Kinship groups and the social status of women: Frost 87-96; also Andrewes 76-88. Review also Austin ##1, 2, 14-16, 62, 63

Week 9 (Mar. 19, 21): Agriculture, subsistence, and demography (colonization & immigration): Frost 61-89; also Andrewes 89-118. Review Austin #10, 49, 65, 66

Week 10 (Mar. 26, 28): Labor patterns (slavery, serfdom, other dependent classes): Frost 83-87, 96-97; 102-5; also Andrewes 133-46. Review Austin ##13, 29, 33, 50, 51, 57-59, 74-76

Week 11 (April 2, 4): Trade and industry: Frost 69-80; Austin 112-18, 289-95 (##80-85); also Andrewes 119-33. Review also Austin ##6, 11, 12, 28, 37, 40, 41, 47, 48, 67-73

Week 12 (April 9, 11): The Greek state and economic institutions: Austin 118-30, 295-333 (##86-103). Review also Austin #20, 44

Week 13 (April 16, 18): Warfare in Greek society: Austin 131-38, 334-43 (##104-11); also Andrewes 147-66. Review also Austin ##4, 7-9, 34, 35

April 18: PAPER DUE

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Week 14 (April 23, 25): Organized religion: Andrewes 230-46; The disintegration of Greek society: Austin 138-55, 343-83 (##112-32); also Andrewes 246-66.

Week 15 (April 30): Disintegration (continued)

FINAL EXAM: Tuesday, May 8, 12:00-3:00 PM

V. Reserve Readings

- A. Andrewes, *The Greeks* (DF78.A5 1967a Alex)
- A. Burford, *Craftsmen in Greek and Roman Society* (HD4844.B85 Alex)
- M.B. Fant & M. Lefkowitz, *Women's Life in Greece and Rome: A Source Book in Translation*² (HQ1127.W653 1993 Douglass)
- T.J. Figueira, *Aegina* (HC37.F54 Alex)
- M.I. Finley, *The Ancient Economy*² (HC31.F5 1985 Alex)
- M.I. Finley, *Economy and Society in Ancient Greece* (HC37.F56 Alex)
- M.I. Finley, *The World of Odysseus*² (PA4037.F48 1979 Alex)
- R.J. Hopper, *Trade and Industry in Classical Greece* (HC37.H66 Alex)
- S.C. Humphreys, *Anthropology and the Greeks* (DF78.H8 Alex)
- L.H. Jeffery, *Archaic Greece: The City-States* (DF222.2 J44 1976A Alex)
- W.K. Lacey, *The Family in Ancient Greece* (HQ513.L3 1984 Alex)
- H. Michell, *The Economics of Ancient Greece* (HC37.M5 1957a Alex)
- C. Mossé, *The Ancient World at Work* (HD4844.M623 1969b Alex)
- S.B. Pomeroy, *Goddesses, Whores, Wives, and Slaves: Women in Classical Antiquity* (HQ1134.P64 Alex)
- C.G. Starr, *The Economic and Social Growth of Early Greece: 800-500 B.C.* (HC37.S7 Alex)
- W.L. Westermann, *The Slave Systems of Greek and Roman Antiquity* (HT863.W4) Alex