

ARISTOTLE: CONSTITUTION OF THE ATHENIANS  
(190:530)  
2006

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I. TEXTS:

- M.H. Chambers (ed.), *Aristotelis: ATHENAION POLITEIA* (Teubner [Stuttgart]) ISBN 3598711131  
Aristotle, *The Athenian Constitution*, trans. by P.J. Rhodes (Penguin 1984) ISBN 9780140444315  
K. von Fritz & E. Kapp, *Aristotle's Constitution of Athens and Related Texts* (New York 1950) (Hafner Library of Classics 13) [recommended]

II. REQUIREMENTS

- A. ORAL PRESENTATION: 30%  
RESEARCH PAPER: 35%  
FINAL EXAM: 35%

B. Each student will be assigned a topic for oral presentation in the second half of the course. The topics, which are listed under the weeks in which they are to be presented, treat questions which are controversial among scholars and relevant to that week's material. A bibliography and a list of pertinent ancient sources will be supplied to both the presenter and the class. The oral paper will be a preliminary discussion of the assigned subject in which the whole class will be expected to participate. After week 7, in the weeks in which there is no report assigned,

we shall read some additional material for discussion. In weeks where the assignment (in the outline) is followed by a parenthesis, the topic in parenthesis will be substituted for the paper topic.

C. The research paper will be a written elaborated version of the oral paper, c. 15 pages in length. It should have a full scholarly apparatus of citations, footnotes, and bibliography, and take into account the discussion and criticism of the oral paper by the class.

D. The final exam will be a self-administered test to be taken during exam week. It will include translation of prepared and sight passages as well as some analysis of syntax.

### III. AN OUTLINE OF READINGS

WEEK 1 (9/11): Introduction to course: Background “constitutional material”: Solon fr. 4 (West); Attic Skolia 1013, 24 (Page); MeiggsLewis ##56, 8, 11, 14; Thuc. 6.53.54

WEEK 2 (9/18): Aes. *Supplices* 328417; 60524; Hdt. 3.8083; [Xen.] *Ath. Pol.* (“The Old Oligarch”) 1.113

WEEK 3 (9/25): [Xen.] *Ath. Pol.* (“The Old Oligarch”) 1.143.13; *Hellenica Oxyrhynchia* 16

WEEK 4 (10/2): Kylon: Hdt. 5.71; Thuc. 1.126.312; Plut. *Solon* 12.19; Arist. *Eq.* 445; *Ath. Pol.* frs. 14. Draco’s Homicide Code [Oral Paper]

WEEK 5 (10/9): *Ath. Pol.* 110: The Council of the 400

WEEK 6 (10/16): *Ath. Pol.* 1117: Peisistratid Chronology

WEEK 7 (10/23): *Ath. Pol.* 1824: The Origin of Ostracism

WEEK 8 (10/30): *Ath. Pol.* 2533: The Reform of the Areiopagos

WEEK 9 (11/6): *Ath. Pol.* 3441 (the State Code of Athens): The Theramenean Problem

WEEK 10 (11/13): *Ath. Pol.* 4249 (the Ephebic Oath): The Theoric Fund

WEEK 11 (11/20): *Ath. Pol.* 5056: The Athenian Silver Coinage Law of 375/4 B.C

WEEK 12 (11/27): *Ath. Pol.* 5768: The Succession of Attic Constitutions in the *Athenaion Politeia* [oral paper]; *Constitution of the Lacedaimonians*

WEEK 13 (12/4): *Constitution of the Lacedaimonians* (continued)

WEEK 14 (12/11): *Constitution of the Lacedaimonians* (concluded)

### V. SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY (starred [\*] entries in Classics Departmental Library)

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\*B. Haussollier, *Aristote. Constitution d’Athènes* (Budé: Paris 1972) PA 3405.C6.A741 1922

\*F.G. Kenyon, *Aristoteles Athenensium Respublica* (<sup>1</sup> = London 1891; <sup>2</sup> = 1892) PA 3405.S8A87

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#### READINGS IN GREEK PROSE (490:391)

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- A. MID-TERM: 30%  
FINAL EXAM: 40%  
CLASS WORK: 10%  
ORAL REPORT: 20%

B. The mid-term will be an in-class exam covering the material up to its date by passages to translate and parse. It will be one hour in length. The final will be cumulative and include translation (prepared and sight), parsing, and an essay. Attendance must be regular, and preparation and performance in class is covered by class work. Each student will act as a commentator for one of the oral presentations of the graduate students.

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WEEK 6 (10/16): *Ath. Pol.* 11-12, 14, 16 (1117): Peisistratid Chronology

WEEK 7 (10/23): *Ath. Pol.* 18, 21-23 (1824): The Origin of Ostracism

WEEK 8 (10/30): *Ath. Pol.* 25, 28-29, 31-33 (2533): The Reform of the Areiopagos

WEEK 9 (11/6): *Ath. Pol.* 34-35, 38-39, 41 (3441): The Theramenean Problem

WEEK 10 (11/13): *Ath. Pol.* 42-45 (4249): The Theoric Fund

WEEK 11 (11/20): *Ath. Pol.* 50, 52-53, 55 (5056): the Ephebic Oath

WEEK 12 (11/27): *Ath. Pol.* 57-59, 61-64 (5768): The Succession of Attic Constitutions in the *Athenaion Politeia* [oral paper]; *Constitution of the Lacedaimonians*

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