Course Syllabus

HUM 2220 – Greek / Roman Humanities

Valencia College

Summer 2023 Six-Week Online, CRN: 34533

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**Required Texts:** The following text is required and must be purchased by each student for successful completion of the course. It is available in the Valencia bookstore.

* Sayre, Henry M. *HUM 2220 – Humanities – Greek and Roman.* Valencia Custom Text. ISBN: 1323879188 (Abbreviated: Sayre)

**Credit Hours:** 3.0

**Prerequisite:** ENC 1101 or ENC 1101H or IDH 1110

**Course Description:** Prerequisite of ENC 1101 or ENC 1101H or IDH 1110 is required. Integrated examination of dominant ideas in Western culture as expressed in art, literature, music, philosophy and religion. Covers early Greek civilizations through the Roman era, emphasizing the development and influence of classical ideas. Students must demonstrate college level writing skills through multiple written assignments. Minimum grade of C required if used to satisfy Gordon Rule requirement (students ***must*** turn in Analysis Paper to meet requirement).

**Credit:** Satisfactory completion of this course will satisfy three of the nine hours required in Area 2 (Humanities) of the General Education Requirements of all Degree Programs. It is a writing course; therefore, it will satisfy the requirements of State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.30 (“Gordon Rule”).

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will have achieved the following Course Learning Outcomes:

-Students can adequately analyze and interpret works of art, literature, religion/mythology, philosophy, and other primary source texts in their historical context.

-Students will demonstrate understanding of the factors and forces that shaped early civilizations through Roman culture.

-Students will be able to evaluate the lasting historical significance of early civilizations through the pre-Christian Roman era.

-Students will appreciate the diverse achievements and traditions of global civilizations.

-Students will demonstrate college level writing.

**Basis of Evaluation:** Students will be evaluated based upon the following: 2 exams consisting of multiple choice, matching, art identify, short answer and essay questions; a 2 page position paper; discussion postings and responses; and reading quizzes. Grade distribution will be as follows:

Points Final Grade

405 – 450 A

360 – 404 B

315 – 359 C

270 – 314 D

0 – 269 F

Ancient Aegean Exam – 100 points

Rome Exam (Final) – 100 points

Position Paper – 150 points

Reading Quizzes (3 total + Syllabus quiz) – 35 points

Online Discussions (6 total + Introduction) – 65 points

**Total points** = 450

**Important Dates and Withdraw Deadline**

Course Start Date: June 20th

Course End Date: July 31st (Aug. 1st)

Drop Refund Deadline: June 27th

College Closed: July 4th

The withdraw deadline for this course (Summer 6WK 2023 – Online) is: **July 20th**. If you withdraw from a course by this date, you will automatically receive a “W,” regardless of the grade you were earning at the time. However, if you quit attending class after this deadline, the instructor will automatically assign you a final grade of “F”.

For International Students: Please be advised that withdrawal from this course due to attendance may result in the termination of your visa status if you fall below the full-time enrollment requirement of 12 credit hours except during the summer. Go to the following site for more information: <https://international.valenciacollege.edu/>

**Important Links**

College Catalogue: <https://valenciacollege.edu/students/catalog/>  
Policy Manual: <https://valenciacollege.edu/about/general-counsel/policy/>  
Student Handbook: <https://valenciacollege.edu/students/student-services/documents/student-handbook.pdf>  
Free Microsoft Office: <https://valenciacollege.edu/employees/office-of-information-technology/network-and-info-security-services/office-365.php>

Course Support: <https://valenciacollege.edu/students/learning-support/online/index.php>

**Very Important -**Our course is meant to be navigated and completed using either a desktop PC, laptop or Mac. Thus, our course is not completely compatible with tablets and smartphones. This is especially true when considering technical errors that often occur while taking a quiz or exam on a tablet or smartphone. As a result, I ask that you do not use tablets or smartphones to complete work for our course. If you do not own a PC/laptop or Mac, you may always use any desktop PC on any Valencia campus to complete your work for the course.

**Late Work Policy for Papers**

All papers are expected to be submitted to Canvas on the due date in which they are listed on the course schedule, which is attached to this syllabus. Prompts for papers will be given weeks in advance. Papers received *after* the weekly deadline will receive 20 points off of the final paper grade. Each additional week brings another 20 point reduction in the grade. **There are no rewrites/redos or extra credit papers offered.**

**Missed Work Policy**

From time to time throughout the semester, unexpected instances and emergencies can occur. However, I will not be attempting to determine the validity of hospital paperwork, death certificates, doctor’s notes, etc. for missed work.

Therefore, in this course, everyone will have their lowest regular assignment dropped at the end of the semester (so, either a quiz, discussion, or assignment). This does not apply to exams or papers – missed exams for actual emergencies must be taken in the first 48 hours following the deadline, with an 80 percent maximum possible score. Papers can be turned in late for a penalty and must be turned in to pass the course (Gordon Rule Policy). So, if you miss a quiz, discussion, or assignment due to an unforeseen absence, rest assured, this grade will be dropped at the end of the semester while grades are being tallied. However, this policy only applies to **ONE** assignment per semester, per student.

Please note: if you have any serious or continuing medical issue that requires you to miss multiple weeks of the course (and thus, multiple assignments), Valencia has a medical leave withdraw policy specifically for this, which falls outside of the guidelines of my course.

Also, please know that this regulation does not apply to any of the accommodations granted through the Office of Student Disabilities (via official OSD paperwork) – those accommodations will remain in place as normal for students that have them.

**Withdraw Deadline**

The withdraw deadline for this course (Summer B 2023 – Online) is: **July 20th**. If you withdraw from a course by this date, you will automatically receive a “W,” regardless of the grade you were earning at the time.

For severe medical conditions that result in excessive absences, consult the Dean of Students concerning Valencia’s medical withdrawal policy.

International students, and students receiving financial aid, should be aware of how a “W” will affect their status.

<http://international.valenciacollege.edu/current-students/maintaining-visa-status/>

<http://valenciacollege.edu/finaid/satisfactory_progress.cfm>

# **Academic Honesty**

Plagiarism is defined as: "to take (ideas, writing, etc.) from another and pass them off as one's own." It is morally and academically indefensible. Any assignment showing signs of plagiarism will be graded zero. Students are advised to keep planning notes and outlines should the need for authentication arise. Plagiarism is a serious academic offence that may result in failure of a particular assignment, failure if a particular class and or exclusion from the college. If you are unsure as to what constitutes plagiarism on an essay, consult the professor. **Plagiarism determinations will not be reversed for any reason short of an error in judgment on the part of the instructor.**

Please view the following document explaining Valencia’s policy regarding academic honesty: <https://valenciacollege.edu/about/general-counsel/policy/documents/volume8/8-11-academic-dishonesty.pdf>

**Accommodations for Disabilities**

Valencia’s Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) provides accommodations for students with various types of disabilities, including providing assistive technology as well as aid for those who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. Visit their website for more details: <https://valenciacollege.edu/students/office-for-students-with-disabilities/> Please note – any disability which requires a specific change in the course (e.g. extra time on exams) must be cleared via paperwork from the OSD prior to any changes being made. All linked video files in the course have a closed-captioning option, and all audio files are transcribed.

**Mental Health and Wellbeing**

Valencia College strives to ensure all our students have a rewarding and successful college experience. To that purpose, Valencia students can get immediate help with issues dealing with stress, anxiety, depression, adjustment difficulties, substance abuse, time management as well as relationship problems dealing with school, home or work. BayCare Behavioral Health Student Assistance Program (SAP) services are free to all Valencia students and available 24 hours a day by calling (800) 878-5470. If needed, the counselor may refer the student to appropriate resources or to speak face-to-face with a licensed counselor.

<https://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/studentservices/baycarestudentassistanceservices/>

**Statement of support for students with food/housing/financial needs**

Any student who has difficulty accessing sufficient food to eat, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live, and believes this may affect his or her performance in the course, is urged to meet with a Counselor in the Advising Center for information about resources that may be available from the college or community.

<http://net4.valenciacollege.edu/forms/advising-counseling/contact.cfm>

**No Show Policy**

Class attendance is required for online classes; students who do not submit the required attendance activity or assignment by the scheduled due date will be withdrawn by the instructor at the end of the first week as a "no show". If you are withdrawn as a “no show,” you will be financially responsible for the class and a final grade of “WN” will appear on your transcript for the course.

**Student Code of Conduct Statement**

Valencia is dedicated not only to the advancement of knowledge and learning but also to the development of responsible personal and social conduct. As a registered student, you assume the responsibility for conducting yourself in a manner that contributes positively to Valencia’s learning community and that does not impair, interfere with, or obstruct the orderly conduct, processes, and functions of the college as described in the Student Code of Conduct, which can be reviewed at:  
<https://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/academicpoliciesprocedures/studentcodeofconduct/>

**Opening Times:** Due to the shortened schedule of this Summer B course, the graded requirements contained within each week will be open to complete for the entire duration of the course. Please note, however, that the graded items contained within each week will close either at the middle of that week (Thursday evening) or at the end of that week (Sunday evening).

**Date Material to be Covered and Assignments Due on That Date**

6/20-6/25 **Week 1:** Course introduction and syllabus review. Pre-Greek Civilizations /

Mythology / Pre-Socratics.

**Thursday Due:** Intro. Discussion/responses, Syllabus Quiz

**Sunday Due:** Cycladic/Minoan/Mycenaean Reading Quiz, *Iliad*

discussion/responses

6/26-7/2 **Week 2:** Persian Wars / Herodotus / Ancient Aegean Exam.

**Thursday Due:** *History* discussion/responses

**Sunday Due:** Ancient Aegean Exam.

7/3-7/9 **Week 3:** Classical Greece / Greek Theater.

**Thursday Due:** Classical Greece Reading Quiz

**Sunday Due:** *Antigone* discussion/responses

7/10-7/16 **Week 4:** Humanistic Philosophy / The Hellenistic Age / Position Paper.

**Thursday Due:** *Cave Parable* discussion/responses

**Sunday Due:** Parthenon / Elgin Marbles Position Paper

7/17-7/23 **Week 5:** The Roman Empire / The Roman Republic.

**Thursday Due:** Livy’s *History* discussion/responses

**Sunday Due:** Roman Empire Reading Quiz

7/24-7/30\* **Week 6:** Roman Philosophy / Literature & Daily Life in Rome / Rome Exam.

**Thursday Due:** *Meditations* discussion/responses

**Sunday Due:** Rome Final Exam

\*final exam closes Sunday evening, 7/30, at 11:59pm

**INSTRUCTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SYLLABUS AS HE DEEMS NECESSARY.**