GREEK SOCIETY (510/190: 350)

I. Synopsis

This course will encompass various aspects of the lives of the ancient Greeks between the end 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.

II. Grading and Requirements

Mid-term (30%); Research Paper (40%); Final (30%: comprehensive and cumulative, with strong emphasis on the latter part of the course).