

GREEK SOCIETY
INTERIM SYLLABUS
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I. Texts

- M.M. Austin & P. Vidal-Naquet, *Economic and Social History of Ancient Greece* (Berkeley & Los Angeles (UCal] 1981 = A/VN: ISBN: 978-0520042674 or on SAKAI as A-VN ch1-7 for exposition and Austin Parts 1-7 for passages.
- M. Dillon & L. Garland, *Ancient Greece: Social and Historical Documents from Archaic Times to the Death of Alexander*³ (Routledge Sourcebooks for the Ancient World/London) [Paperback], ISBN-13: 978-0415473309 = Dillon
- D.B. Brendan Nagle, *The Ancient World. A Social and Cultural History*⁹ (Prentice Hall 2018) ISBN: 978-0205637447 = Nagle

Greek Society Supplemental Readings (on SAKAI) = TF #00¹

Recommended:

- A. Andrewes, *The Greeks* (New York [Pelican/Norton] 1967), ISBN: 0393008770 = Andrewes 1-13 (on SAKAI)
- F.J. Frost, *Greek Society*⁵ (Wadsworth 1996), ISBN: 978-0669416954 = Frost 1-9 (on SAKAI)

II. Grading and Requirements

- A. 30% Mid-term (**TBA**)
40% Research Paper (**TBA**)
30% Final (comprehensive and cumulative, with strong emphasis on the latter part of the course) on **TBA**
- 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 **TBA**. It may include short answers, identifications, comments on source passages, and a short essay.
- C. The research paper will be an analysis of the evidence for some facet of Greek life. A list of suggested topics will appear on SAKAI. 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 **TBA** 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.

¹ About one-third of these supplemental readings parallel readings in Austin and Vidal-Naquet, but often offer more careful and literal translations and include material omitted by Austin and Vidal-Naquet.

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: Introductions: ecology and constants of Greek life; an outline of Greek History (Lectures pt. 1):

Background: A/VN 3-35[A-VN ch1]; Nagle 59-63; also Andrewes 1-13 [Andrewes ch. 1], 52-71 [Andrewes ch. 4].

Week 2: General concepts and questions (Lectures pt. 1):

Background: Nagle 126-334; A/VN 3-35[A-VN ch1]; also Andrewes 196-229 [Andrewes ch. 10].

Ancient Evidence: Dillon pp. 1-3; A/VN 159-94, 263-65 (##1-20, 64 = Austin pt. 1); TF ##8, 10, 12-13, 15-18, 26, 32, 34, 46, 61; Dillon ##1.1, 1.3, 1.6,

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Week 3: Mycenaean and Dark Age Greece (Homeric Greece?) (Lectures pt. 2):

Background: A/VN 36-48 [A-VN ch2]; Nagle 63-68, 81-82; also Frost 1-36 [Frost 1-2], 125-29 [Frost 6]; Andrewes 14-51 [Andrewes ch. 2].

Ancient Evidence: A/VN 195-205 (##21-31 = Austin pt. 2); TF ##2, 21-22, 27, 38-41; Dillon ##3.1, 3.4-5; 4.8, 4.11-16; 5.53, 5.55.

Week 4: Archaic Greece:

Background: Dillon pp. 48-49, 256-57, 296-98, 318-19; A/VN 49-77 [A-VN ch3]; Nagle 68-81, 89-92; also Frost 37-40, 44-49 [Frost 2-3], 144-9 [Frost 6]; Andrewes 30-51 [Andrewes ch. 3].

Ancient Evidence: A/VN 205-44 (##32-52 = Austin pt. 3); TF ##5.54; 7, 9, 19-20, 36-37, 45, 47, 74; Dillon ##1.61-62, 1.64, 1.71; 2.5-16, 2.18, 2.21, 2.27-29, 2.31, 2.35-36; 7.1-4, 7.8, 7.13, 7.15-16, 7.19, 7.21-22, 7.25-26, 7.29-30, 7.33, 7.37, 7.60-66; 8.1, 8.4-7, 8.9-14, 8.16, 8.18, 8.20, 8.23, 8.25, 8.27-30, 8.36, 8.38, 9.2, 9.13, 9.16, 9.21, 9.28.

Week 5: Sparta (typical or atypical Archaic society?) (Lectures pt. 4):

Background: Dillon pp. 213-15; A/VN 78-93 [A-VN ch4]; also Frost 40-44 [Frost 3].

Ancient Evidence: A/VN 245-62 (##53-63 = Austin pt. 4); TF #14; Dillon ##2.23; 4.18, 4.23; 5.42-48, 5.50, 5.57; 6.5-6, 6.12-13, 6.15-16, 6.26, 6.30, 6.42, 6.45-46, 6.48-

52, 6.58, 6.75-81; 12.11; 14.5, 14.22.

Week 6: Monetary Economy; Classical Athens (democracy and modernity)
(Lectures pt. 5):

Background: Dillon pp. 341-2, 414-16, 452-54; A/VN 94-111 [A-VN ch5];
Nagle 92-119; also Frost 50-59 [Frost 3],
129-33 [Frost 6].

Ancient Evidence: Dillon pp. 391-92; A/VN 263-88 (##64-79 = Austin pt. 5); TF ##3,
35, 48-50, 71, 75, 82; Dillon ##1.4-5, 1.7-9, 1.17-21, 1.23, 1.27-29, 1.30-37; 8.24;
10.7-8, 10.11-12, 10.15, 10.23; 12.2, 12.12, 12.23, 12.25-27, 12.31 .

Week 7: Hellenistic social conditions (Lectures pt. 6):

Background: Nagle 135-49; also Frost 151-78 [Frost 7], 207-12 [Frost 9].

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Week 8: Kinship groups and the social status of women:

Background: Dillon pp. 123-25; Nagle 119-24; also Frost 87-96 [Frost 5], 137-44 [Frost
6]; Andrewes 76-88 [Andrewes ch. 5].

Ancient Evidence: TF ##58, 76-81. Review also A/VN ##1, 2, 14-16, 62, 63 (TF #13,
16-18) Dillon ##4.8, 4.13, 4.26-30, 4.19-22. 4.32-47, 4.49-58, 4.60, 4.70-71,
4.91-103.

Week 9: Agriculture, subsistence, and demography (colonization &
immigration):

Background: Nagle 124-26; also Frost 61-86, 106-13 [Frost 3-5]; Andrewes 89-118
[Andrewes ch. 6].

Ancient Evidence: TF ##14, 24, 31, 43, 55. Review A/VN #10, 49, 65, 66; Dillon
##1.48; 6.36, 6.61.

Week 10: Labor patterns (slavery, serfdom, other dependent classes):

Background: Dillon pp. 179-81; also Frost 83-87, 96-97; 102-5 [Frost 4-5]; Andrewes
133-46 [Andrewes ch. 7].

Ancient Evidence: TF ##42, 44. Review A/VN ##13, 29, 33, 50, 51, 57-59, 74-76 (TF
#35); Dillon ##5.1, 5.3, 5.8, 5.9, 5.11-16, 5.18-20, 5.42, 5.58-61, 5.63, 5.69-70.

Week 11: Trade, industry, and investment/banking:

Background: A/VN 112-18 [A-VN ch6]; also Frost 69-80, 105-6 [Frost 4-5]; Andrewes
119-33 [Andrewes ch. 7].

Ancient Evidence: A/VN 289-95 (##80-85 = Austin pt. 6); TF ##4-5, 11, 23, 25, 52, 56,
58-59, 70-71, 83-87, 89-90. Review also A/VN ##6, 11, 12, 28, 37, 40, 41, 47, 48,
67-73 (##34, 40, 44-45); Dillon ##4.62-64; 5.56, 5.64.

Week 12: The Greek state and economic institutions:

Background: A/VN 118-30 [A-VN ch6]; Andrewes 167-95 [Andrewes ch. 9].

Ancient Evidence: A/VN 295-333 (##86-103 = Austin pt. 6); TF ##29, 33, 53-54, 60,
62-69, 72-73, 91. Review also A/VN #20, 44; Dillon ##1.11-16, 1.22, 1.25-26,
1.47, 1.63, 1.66-70, 1.72-75; 5.41; 12.1, 12.28-29; 13.7, 13.13-18, 13.21 .

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Week 13: Warfare in Greek society:

Background: A/VN 131-38 [A-VN ch7]; also Andrewes 147-66 [Andrewes ch. 8].

Ancient Evidence: A/VN 334-43 (##104-11= Austin pt. 7). Review also Austin ##4, 7-9, 34, 35; Dillon ##1.41; 3.13, 3.24; 5.4-7, 5.17, 5.21-26, 5.28-38, 5.43, 5.67-68; 12.14; 14.7, 14.29-31, 14.40-42.

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Week 14: Organized religion. The disintegration of Greek society:

Background: Dillon pp. 73-75; Nagle 149-67; A/VN 138-55 [A-VN ch7]; also Andrewes 230-46 [Andrewes ch. 11]; Andrewes 246-66 [Andrewes 12].

Ancient Evidence: A/VN 343-83 (##112-32 = Austin pt. 7); TF ##28, 30, 51, 57; Dillon ##3.3, 3.9-12, 3.14-19, 3.23, 3.25-29, 3.42-43, 3.45-52, 3.57, 3.60-67, 3.60-80; 13.24.

Week 15: Disintegration (continued)

FINAL EXAM: TBA.

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