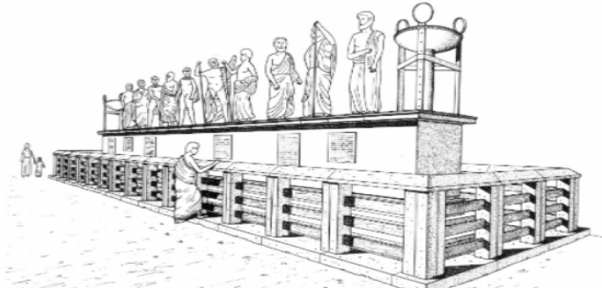


CITIZENSHIP & EXCLUSION IN ANCIENT GREEK WORLDS



TERM: SPRING 2019

UNITS: 3-0-9

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Right now, questions about how we should define citizenship are at the forefront of national debates. This seminar examines related discourses in ancient Greek worlds, such as Sparta, Athens, and Ptolemaic Egypt.

We will discuss who was a citizen and how someone practiced 'good' citizenship in these contexts.

Moreover, we will pay special attention to excluded groups which did not formally have a voice in running these states. Given how omnipresent technology is in

today's politics, we will also consider the means of participation and communication that were possible in pre-modern worlds.

No previous knowledge of ancient Greek history or language is expected. Students will read ancient primary sources in translation, including selections of court cases and political speeches. Also, certain class meetings will involve field trips to local museum collections to interact with objects and documents that are over 2,000 years old!

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

- Stage an ostracism!
- Read ancient trial speeches about citizenship!
- View papyri documents from ancient Egypt!
- Learn about women and slaves' daily lives in Greek cities!
- Compare ancient and modern understandings of citizenship!



COURSE MEETINGS

Tuesdays 10am-1pm

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