

**Goals:** This course will explore the rise of Macedon, Alexander's conquest, and its long-range significance. The development of the major Hellenistic kingdoms will also be investigated, using Ptolemaic Egypt as our base. An important focus will be the impact of Hellenization in the broadest sense (politically, economically, socially, culturally, and intellectually) and the interaction of Greek settlers and natives. Classes will comprise lecture and discussion in which students are expected actively to participate.

**Required Texts:**

- M.M. Austin, *The Hellenistic World from Alexander to the Roman Conquest: a Selection of Ancient Sources in Translation*, 2nd augmented ed. (Cambridge 2006) **on reserve; backordered at bookstore until the end of February**
- G.R. Bugh, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to the Hellenistic World* (Cambridge, 2006)
- P. Fildes and J. Fletcher, *Alexander the Great: Son of the Gods* (Getty Museum, 2004) **on reserve**
- G. Shipley, *The Greek World After Alexander, 323-30 BC*. (Routledge, 2000)

**Recommended Texts:**

- Arrian, *Campaigns of Alexander* (Penguin Classics, 1976) **on reserve**  
or  
J. Romm, ed., *Alexander the Great: Selections from Arrian etc.* (Hackett, 2005)  
Plutarch, *Age of Alexander* (Penguin Classics, 1973) **on reserve**

You will want either the Penguin Arrian or Romm's edition; E.J. Chinnock's 1893 translation is in the public domain and can be found free online. The only required reading in the Penguin Plutarch is the *Life of Alexander*, which is also available online. The Loeb Library editions of Plutarch and Arrian (with English translations facing the Greek text) are also on reserve at Adams Library.

Chinnock's Arrian: <http://websfor.org/alexander/arrian/intro.asp>

The Loeb translation of Plutarch, ed. Perrin: <http://tinyurl.com/29skrl> (part of the Perseus Project website: [www.perseus.tufts.edu](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu))

Dryden and Clough's Plutarch (lacks chapter numbers):

<http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~stephan/Renault/fire.plutarch.html>

Selections from Arrian, Plutarch, and other sources, arranged by topic, with chronology and maps:  
<http://www.livius.org/aj-al/alexander/alexander00a.html>

**Other works on reserve at Adams Library:**

- A. Erskine, *A Companion to the Hellenistic World* (Blackwell 2003)
- P. Green, *Alexander of Macedon, 356-323 B.C.: A Historical Biography* (California 1991)
- P. Green, *Alexander to Actium: The Historical Evolution of the Hellenistic Age* (California, 1990)
- W. Heckel, *Who's Who in the Age of Alexander the Great* (Blackwell, 2006)
- W. Heckel and J.C. Yardley, *Alexander the Great: Historical Sources in Translation* (Blackwell, 2004)

## Meetings and Assigned Reading Schedule

*Note: Specific readings are subject to change with reasonable notice.*

### 1/23: Introduction

### 1/2: Philip of Macedon and the Rise of Macedon

- Fildes 6-33
- Heckel and Yardley 1-18 (Macedonian Background), 19-29 (Philip II).

### 1/30: Young Alexander

- Fildes 35-45
- Arrian 1.1-4 (northern campaigns) and 7-10 (Theban revolt) = Romm 18-32 = Penguin pp. 40-49, 54-64.

### 2/4: Goals and Conquest of Asia Minor

- Romm, "Introduction" xii-xvi ("The New Order in Europe," "The Persian 'Enemy'") (scanned; on WebCT for those who did not buy Romm's Arrian)
- Plutarch, Alex. ch. 14-23 (in Penguin or online)
- Arrian 1.11-16 (Granicus) = Romm 33-42 = Penguin pp. 65-77
- Arrian 2.3 (Gordium) = Romm 46 (abridged) = Penguin pp. 104-6
- Arrian 2.6-13 (Issus) = Romm 48-56 (lacks 1.8, 1.9) = Penguin pp. 111-123

### 2/6: Syria, Egypt, and Mesopotamia

- Presentation 1: The Siege of Tyre

- Presentation 2: Alexander in Egypt

- Fildes 46-59
- Arrian 2.14 (royal correspondence) = Romm 56-58 = Penguin pp. 125-8
- Arrian 2.16-25 (Tyre) = Romm 58-69 = Penguin pp. 131-44
- Arrian 3.1-4 = Romm 70-74 = Penguin pp. 148-54 (Egypt)
- Arrian 3.7-15 (Gaugamela) = Romm 75-83 (abridged) = Penguin pp. 158-72

### 2/11: Central and Eastern Iran

- Presentation 3: Alexander's Attitude towards Darius

- Presentation 4: Alexander's Orientalism and Macedonian Response

- Fildes 64-99
- Plutarch, Alex. ch. 36-56
- Arrian 3.18-22 = Romm 86-93 = Penguin pp. 178-186 (Persepolis, Darius)
- Arrian 3.26 (Philotas) = Romm 95-96 = Penguin 191-2
- Arrian 4.7-14 (Price of power) = Romm 98-110 = Penguin 212-227

### 2/13: India and Beyond

- Presentation 5: The War with Porus (aka Paurava)

- Fildes 100-133
- Plutarch, Alex. ch. 57-77
- Arrian 5.8-19 (Porus and Bucephalus) = Romm 122-132 = Penguin pp. 266-83
- Arrian 5.25-29 (Hydaspes mutiny) = Romm 132-139 = Penguin ?
- Arrian 6.24-26 = Romm 144-148 = Penguin 338-40 (Gedrosia)

2/18: Return to Babylon

- Presentation 6: Mutinies and Treatment of the Troops
- Presentation 7: Alexander's Closest Friends
  - Fildes 134-53
  - Arrian 7.4-11 = Romm 154-164 = Penguin 352-66 (Susa banquet, Opis mutiny)
  - Arrian 7.28-30 = Romm 171-173 = Penguin pp. 395-98
  - Bugh 9-27

2/20: Alexander's Legacy and the Struggles of the Successors

- Presentation 8: Who's Who Among the *Diadochoi*
- Presentation 9: Alexander, Bringer of Hellenism?
  - Shipley 33-58
  - Fildes 154-65
  - Austin pp. 54-59, 62-74, 80-84, 94-96 (will be scanned if book is still back-ordered)

2/25: Approaching the Hellenistic Period

- Presentation 10: Sources and Approaches
  - Shipley 1-32
  - Bugh 315-326

2/27: The Hellenistic Kingdoms: Overview

- Presentation 11: What Was Where
  - Bugh 28-51
  - Austin TBA (selections from ch 5)

3/3: Kings and Cities**Initial Bibliographies due in class**

- Presentation 12: The Hellenistic City
- Presentation 13: Hellenistic Kingship
  - Shipley 59-107
  - Bugh 52-72

3/10: SPRING BREAK: NO CLASSES

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3/19: The Hellenistic Kingdoms: the Antigonids in Greece

- Presentation 16: Antigonids
  - Shipley 108-151
  - Austin TBA

3/5: The Hellenistic Kingdoms: Seleucids and Attalids

- Presentation 14: Seleucids
- Presentation 15: Pergamon
  - Shipley 271-325
  - Austin TBA (#57, 58 [p. 119-125] and selections from ch 6)

3/17: The Hellenistic Kingdoms: the Ptolemies in Egypt

- Presentation 17: Ptolemies

- Shipley 192-234
- Austin TBA selections from Ch 7

3/24: MIDTERM EXAM

**An updated syllabus with readings for after the midterm will be available in early March. The topics and major project due dates are as follows:**

3/26: Administration of Egypt

3/31: Colonial Attitudes: Hellenism, Propaganda, and Resistance

4/2: Hellenistic Economies

4/7: Marriage and Families

4/9: Religion and Magic

4/14: Ruler Cults

4/16: Athens' Philosophical Schools

**Research Paper due in class**

4/21: Hellenistic Literature

4/23: Hellenistic Science and Medicine

4/28: Hellenism and the Jews

4/30: Rome and the Hellenistic Kingdoms

5/5: Roman Conquest of Egypt

**Review Paper due in class**

FINAL: TBA. Eventually the exam schedule for this semester should be available online:

<http://www.ric.edu/recordsoffice/examSchedule.php>

At some point in the semester there will be an optional screening of Oliver Stone's *Alexander* film (2004), possibly along with clips from the strange anime series *Alexander Senki* (aka *Reign: The Conqueror*).

## Course Requirements

1. **Research Paper**: 10-12 pages (2500-2750 words, excluding bibliography) on a Hellenistic history topic of the student's choice, chosen in consultation with the professor. Focus will be on integrating primary sources, although works of scholarly interpretation may also be consulted. Preliminary bibliographies must be submitted for approval as noted. Papers, conforming to the RIC Style Sheet for History Papers, are **due in class on April 14**. Electronic copies may be required for online anti-plagiarism verification.

2. **Two Exams**: There will be a Midterm in class on March 24 and a Final as scheduled by RIC. Exams will feature multiple-choice, short identifications and essays.

3. **Review**: 5 pages (ca. 1250 words) on a topic of Hellenistic history in film or other popular culture. There will be a screening of Oliver Stone's film *Alexander* (to be arranged), but students may choose an alternative subject in consultation with the professor. Possibilities include: movies or novels about Cleopatra, movies, music or historical novels about Alexander or the Hellenistic world, romances and legends of Alexander (e.g., in the Middle Ages), and so on. This paper is due in the final class meeting but you may wish to finish it earlier.

4. **Presentations**: Each student will give a 5-10-minute presentation on a topic related to one day's class discussion as noted above.

5. **Attendance and Participation**: Attendance and participation in discussions are essential components of the course. Excessive absence or late arrivals will adversely affect your grade. Quizzes over the assigned reading (multiple choice or short identification) and other in-class exercises may occur at whimsical intervals without notice; these will be counted as part of class participation and it will generally not be possible to make up for them if missed.

**Grades:** Course grades will be based on the following distribution:

Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	25%
Research Paper	25%
Review, Presentation, Quizzes, and class participation	25%