

UNIVERSITY OF WALES TRINITY SAINT DAVID



HPAH7011

Theory and Methodology for the Study of the Ancient World (Module Syllabus)

Module Code: HPAH7011
Credit points: 30
Pre-requisites/restrictions: None
Taught: Semester 1
Lecturer: Dr Matthew Cobb

AIM(S)

- To gain a sophisticated understanding of the principal theories of and the interdisciplinary approaches to the study of the Ancient world;
- To interpret the main evidence for the study of the Ancient world while displaying a critical awareness of the methodological problems associated with this evidence.

LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to demonstrate the ability to:

- understand and engage in analytical critiques of the main trends of modern theories of the discipline of Classics, Ancient History and Archaeology;
- determine and apply the appropriate methodologies and approaches for the interpretation of a range of evidence used in the study of any given ancient topic.

If you have any general questions that you cannot find the answer to in this booklet or on the Moodle page, please feel free to raise them with me by email: m.cobb@uwtsd.ac.uk, or in the discussion board available in the Moodle space for this course, or in the seminar sessions. Alternatively, we can arrange a one to one for more confidential matters.

STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION

This 30-credit module has ten main weeks of teaching, but with some assessment deadlines that fall after this main period (in early January). Live seminars are optional for distance students – these will be recorded so students can catch up on them if needed / desired.

INDICATIVE CONTENT (not necessarily the order in which sessions may run)

- Working with Literary sources
- Genre
- Iconography
- Material Culture
- Archaeology
- Epigraphy
- Gender
- Models
- Reception

ASSESSMENT

Key assessment information is laid out on the Moodle page, along with the dates they are occurring / deadlines for submission.

Coursework submission

For written coursework, unless otherwise specified, the submission links can be found on the Moodle page (under the assignments tab).

Word count

Please be aware that if you go significantly over or under the word limit (i.e. more than 10%), you may be penalised.

REMEMBER that the word count includes everything apart from the bibliography, titles or captions. You must provide the word count clearly on the cover sheet.

Welsh First language

If your first language is Welsh and you would like to submit any assessed coursework in Welsh, please speak the Institute Office as soon as possible to make arrangements for this.

Special needs / requirements

If you have any special needs (e.g., dyslexia, visual impairment) that need to be taken into account for the teaching of this module, please make sure that our Welfare Officers and Student Services are made aware, so that any relevant support can be put in place.

Easy formatting

Information about formatting citations and reference lists/bibliographies for written coursework is available in the Library Reference Guides. You can follow whichever of the four referencing systems you like that are detailed in the library referencing guides, so long as you are consistent within a piece of work.

***** You need to watch plagiarism whenever you use secondary literature (ALL suspect coursework will be submitted to a Turnitin analysis).** Please consult the library referencing guides for advice on how to reference secondary literature.

Bibliography

Please note that the books and articles mentioned are only recommendations. You should read more widely beyond this list, especially when preparing for major assignments.

Please see the Leganto reading list on the Moodle page for a detail bibliography and links. You can also find bespoke reading linked to each of the main units within the unit tiles on the Moodle page.