



HPAH5029/HPAH6029

Game of Diadems

(Module Syllabus)

Module Code: HPAH5029/6029
Credit points: 20
Pre-requisites/restrictions: None
Taught: **Block 2**
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Level 5 Aims/Learning Outcomes

AIM(S)

- To develop students' knowledge of ancient courts in their political, social, and cultural context.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- display an understanding and appreciation of the key themes of the diverse scholarly approaches to ancient courts;
- display an understanding of literary, socio-cultural, and historical contexts, and how these affect our interpretation of the ancient courts.

Level 6 Aims/Learning Outcomes

AIM(S)

- To develop students' knowledge of ancient courts in their political, social, and cultural context.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- display a sophisticated understanding and critical appreciation of the key themes of the diverse scholarly approaches to ancient courts;
- display a critical understanding of literary, socio-cultural, and historical contexts, and how these affect our interpretation of the ancient courts.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- Establishment of the courts in the Hellenistic World.
- Modern Understandings of Ancient Courts.
- Role play of events in one of the Hellenistic kingdoms as members of the court.

This year the module will focus on the end of Alexander's life and the establishment of the new Hellenistic dynasties.

OFFICE HOURS/HOW TO CONTACT ME

Please feel free to come and see me if you would like to discuss any problems you may have concerning this module. My office hours are by appointment, if I am not in my office, please contact me by email to set up an appointment (k.erickson@uwtsd.ac.uk). If you come to see me at another time and I am not in because of teaching or other commitments, please email

me (k.erickson@uwtsd.ac.uk). You can also ask questions (not confidential) in the discussion board available in the Moodle space for this course.

STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION

This 20-credit module has 48 contact hours. Attendance is compulsory for ALL lectures, workshops and seminars. If you cannot make a class because of illness or other good reason, you need to inform the Faculty Office (facultyoffice@uwtsd.ac.uk) by email.

Lectures will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00-13.00 in Arts 01.

This module will involve elements of 'role-play' and significant interaction. There will be some lectures, but the majority of class hours will be interaction. As a result there is no indicative module schedule. If you would like a lecture on a topic, or a discussion outside of the role-play elements, please ask!

If you miss class without pre-approval from me, your character will assume to have been killed. This will make completing the assessment difficult. Please ensure that you either come to class, or discuss with me.

The aim of this module is to gain an understanding of the process through which a Hellenistic Royal court would have functioned.

This year we will be starting in the year 323 B.C.

Each hour of class will be 6 months (no time elapses between classes).

You will be put in groups of 3 or 4 as members of Alexander's court at Babylon or at Pella.

Game of Diadems Coursework

Please see the coursework sheets appropriate for your level on Moodle. They have the assessment tasks, the deadlines and the marking criteria.

General assessment information: coursework

Coursework submission for this module will be through Moodle. Please follow the instructions on the module's Moodle page for how to submit your work. The deadline for submission will be at 23.59 BST on the day given above. You will also need to retain a second electronic copy of your work to be submitted, if deemed appropriate, to the module convenor.

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 at the end of the essay

Welsh First language

If your first language is Welsh and you would like to submit any assessed coursework in Welsh, please see the School 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 the appropriate welfare officer for your level is made aware of this so that we can make sure that we fully support you in your studies.

Returning of work

Your coursework will be returned electronically through Moodle. Detailed feedback is given through the Turnitin but if you would like to discuss your work in more detail, do come and see me.

Some extra assignment/essay guidelines

Help for the writing of coursework is available in the UWTSD Reference Guides, as well as through the Student Support Moodle page. You are advised to read the relevant sections carefully.

Marks will be deducted if your piece of coursework is not presented properly (e.g. 1.5 spacing, font 12 is needed). Note that all coursework needs to be word-processed; hand-written work will not be accepted. Assessment criteria can be found on moodle.

***** You need to watch plagiarism whenever you use secondary literature (ALL suspect coursework will be submitted to a Turn-It-In analysis).** Please consult the Reference Guide for advice on how to reference secondary literature.

In case of problems....

Do come and see me during office hours if you have any problems with the writing or planning of your piece of coursework. You are also welcome to see your personal tutor for advice.

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