

THE ART OF GREEK WARFARE COURSE SYLLABUS

The Lukeion Project
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In many ways, it was the Greeks who set the stage for modern warfare. The Romans are responsible for fewer innovations, though they perfected many of the Greeks' techniques and strategies. With superior arms, armor, discipline, and strategies, the Greeks defeated a far larger invading Persian army, changing the course of western civilization. The Greek tradition is one of war and conflict.



Class Format

Our class will meet live, online for one hour each week. Students are expected to arrive on time and be prepared to participate in polls and discussions. The link to enter the classroom will arrive in your Inbox 24 hours prior to the first class session. A high-speed internet connection is required.

Our Class Web Page:

- The Art of Greek Warfare Syllabus
- The Class Web Page will have review activities, games, and links to related web pages



Our Schedule:

- **Session 1: Early Greece**
 - The Mycenaean Greeks
 - Homer's Greek Warfare
 - Warfare in the Greek Dark Age
- **Session 2: Classical Greece: Hoplites and the Rise of Athens**
 - The Hoplite and His Armor
 - The Phalanx
 - Resisting the Persian Invasions
- **Session 3: The Peloponnesian War and the Rise of Macedonia**
 - The Peloponnesian War
 - The Fall of Sparta
 - Philip II and Alexander of Macedonia
- **Session 4: Greek Siege Warfare**
 - From Blockade to Siege
 - The Weapons of Siege Warfare
 - The Arrival of the Romans and the Legacy of the Greeks

Logging Into the Online Classroom

- Link to the online classroom: <http://lukeionproject.adobeconnect.com/greekwarfare/>
- Students will be allowed to enter the classroom as a guest when the instructor is present
- The instructor may admit students up to 15 minutes before the session is scheduled to begin
- Students **log in using their real name**; the instructor will not admit any student who cannot be identified
- There may be music playing as you enter the classroom; this allows students to check their audio before class begins

Classroom Audio:

Our classroom supports two-way computer audio, though only the instructor will be speaking aloud in class; other attendees will use the chat or Q&A box to communicate by typing. Nevertheless, we recommend that you get a headset with headphones for your computer. Earphones not only provide sound, but they also mute distractions around you by covering your ears.

Chat Box Etiquette

If conversations are polite and respectful, we allow students to chat with one another before and after class using the chat box. If these rules are not followed, use of the chat box will be restricted:

- All messages must be polite and respectful; do not insult anyone or anything, even as a joke
- No profanity will be tolerated
- Avoid contentious topics like politics, religion, pandemics, vaccinations, etc.
- Do not fill the chat box with nonsense, constant repetitions of the same word or phrase, or anything else that interrupts normal conversation
- Do not post email addresses, websites, or advertisements in the chat box

Absences and Scheduling Conflicts:

Student Absences:

Instructors make every effort to be in class on time. We expect the same courtesy from our students.

- Scheduling Conflicts: Let your instructor know **in advance** if you will miss class because of a scheduling conflict (doctor's appointment, standardized exam, etc.).
- Emergency Situations: Let your instructor know **as soon as possible** in the event of an unforeseen circumstance or emergency that prevents you from attending class.
- Class Recordings: Class recordings will be posted in the Session modules. Recordings must not be shared with anyone who is not registered for the class. Parents are always welcome to view the recordings.

Instructor Absences:

- Scheduling Conflicts: Scheduled absences by instructors are rare, but might occur because of speaking engagements, family events, etc. In the event of a scheduled absence, the class will be informed in advance (either during a prior class session, through the email distribution list, or both). Students will receive a recording of that week's material.
- Instructor Absent at the Start of Class: If an emergency prevents the instructor from arriving in class on time, students should wait for the instructor in the online classroom for 15 minutes after the scheduled start time. If the instructor arrives before the 15-minute waiting period has expired, any students who are not present will be counted absent for the day. If the instructor is unable to arrive before the 15-minute waiting period has expired, students are free to leave. The instructor will communicate with students through email as soon as possible.
- Emergency Situations: In the event of an unexpected illness or emergency situation, the instructor will contact the class at the earliest possible opportunity, usually through the class email distribution list. A recording of the missed material will be distributed at the first possible opportunity.

Recording Rules

We attempt to record each of our class sessions. Students and parents should be aware of the following rules regarding the use and abuse of recordings:

1. **Recordings are a courtesy only.**

We cannot guarantee that recordings will be available for every class, even for excused absences.

2. **Recordings may be posted in the Session module in Canvas, or you may have to request access from the instructor. Recordings will be password-protected.**

Please check the class web page before contacting your instructor. If the recording requires a passcode, you can get this from your instructor.

3. **Sharing recordings with anyone who is not registered for the class is a copyright violation and is strictly forbidden.**

Recordings are copyrighted by The Lukeion Project and the instructor. *Parents are always welcome to view recordings, if they are available.* If a friend wishes to view a sample recording from a class, have them contact The Lukeion Project directly. Do not share links to recordings.

4. **Sharing screen prints or class materials with anyone who is not registered for the class is a copyright violation and is strictly forbidden.**

All visuals and class materials are copyrighted by The Lukeion Project and the instructor.

5. **We reserve the right to refuse to share recordings for any reason.**