Syllabus for Hist. 70310 - Thucydides, Politics, Philosophy
GC: Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm, 3 credits, Prof. Jennifer Roberts

All readings are in English.

This is a preliminary syllabus, as readings will depend on the particular interests and orientations of the students enrolled in the course. Our basic textbooks for this course, all of which will be on reserve in the Mina Rees Library, will be:


All are available in paper, in some cases used.

Each student will make an oral presentation and write a paper of around 15 pages on a topic of his or her choice.

Schedule

Week 1 “The Archaeology,” i. e., Book 1.

Week 2, Herodotus, Book 1, any translation

(all assignments are based on book and chapter numbers, not page numbers)

Week 3 the “pentacontaetia, i. e., Book 1; Connor, Introduction, Book 1; Canfora in RT

Week 4 the war begins; the funeral oration; the plague; the assessment of Pericles: Book 2; Connor, Book 2; Thomas in RT

Week 5 Mytilene, Plataea: Book 3, 1-68; Connor, Book 3

Week 6 Corcyra: Book 3, 69-143

Week 7, Pylos, Brasidas, Amphipolis: Book 4, and 5. 26; Connor, Book 4

Week 8, Melos: Book 5; Connor, Book 5; Gilpin, Doyle, and Crane in Blanco & Roberts; Tritle in RT
Week 9, Sicily I: Book 6; Connor, Book 6

Week 10, Sicily II: Book 7; Connor, Book 7; Furley in RT

Week 11, The Empire Strikes Back: Book 8; Connor, Book 8; Raaflaub in RT

Week 12, Xenophon wraps it up: Xenophon, *Hellenica*, Book 1, Book 2. 1. 1 - 2. 2. 23 (in Blanco and Roberts)

Week 13, TBA

Week 14, TBA