

**UNIVERSITY of GUELPH**  
**SCHOOL of LANGUAGES and LITERATURES**  
**FALL 2022**  
**PRELIMINARY COURSE OUTLINE**

**CLAS\*3100: Religion in Greece and Rome**  
**Prerequisites: CLAS\*1000 or CLAS\*2000**

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Course description:

An examination of the varieties of religious experience and of religious activity in Greece and Rome, before the establishment of Christianity. Particular attention is paid both to the relations of religion to state and to the relations of the individual to gods.

Learning outcomes:

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

1. Understand various aspects of Greek and Roman religion through ancient literature and material culture.
2. Place Greek and Roman religious practice in historical context, understanding the place of religion in the lives of everyday people, including women and slaves.
3. Develop a broadened understanding of how to read and interpret Greek and Roman primary texts in translation, as well as how to produce a sophisticated research paper utilizing a range of quality secondary sources.

Course materials (required):

- Warrior, Valerie. 2009. *Greek Religion: A Sourcebook*. Focus Publishing.
- Warrior, Valerie. 2001. *Roman Religion: A Sourcebook*. Focus Publishing.

Assessment:

- 30% research paper
- 30% final exam
- 20% midterm paper
- 20% reading responses (x4)