Fall 2012: Classics 304: Graeco-Roman World: Hittite Myth and History
09/04-12/12, Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30pm-4:45pm. BOL B87

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Course Description:

Hittite empire is one of the most powerful civilizations of late late Bronze Age (1700 B.C-1200 B.C) that extended across Anatolia, Western Syria and western fringes of Mesopotamia. In this class we will study origins and history of Hittites, their culture and political connections with Greece, Troy, Egypt and Assyria. We will analyze Hittite myths and find out why Hittites were often referred to as “people of thousand gods”. We will look into different spheres of society such as government, laws, life of farmers, warriors and merchants, festivals and rituals, marriage, death and the afterlife.


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Textbooks are available at the Panther Book Store on N. Downer Ave.
Course Evaluation:

Readings/participation  20%
Midterm            20%
Assignments        30%
Final paper        30%

This course is a 3 credit course and following the university study time requirements a student taking 3 credit course should spend 148 hrs of study per semester (44 hrs per 1 credit). Of course, this number is an average, general estimate, to give you an idea how much time you should spend for a 3 credit class. Each and every one may have different learning/studying strategies, what works for one person may not work for another.

To succeed in this class I would suggest spending per semester:

Assignments – 30hrs
Final project - 50hrs
Readings - 35hrs
Midterm prep. – 34hrs

Assignments:

You will have a week to work on your assignments they will be based on readings and lectures. I will not accept late assignments, unless there is a valid reason (illness, family emergencies etc.) for not handing it in on time. There will be an extra credit assignment assigned towards the end of the semester.

Final project

For final project choose a topic related to any venue of Hittite history, religion, military, society, language, economy, foreign affiliations etc. write a 10 page paper ( introduction, body, conclusions), double spaced, 1.25” margins aninald 2 bibliographical in addition to required textbooks. About 5 weeks prior to the due date you’ll submit a short description of your topic. I’ll will help you with the topic of your paper, bibliography etc. so please, do not worry!
Final project is due: Dec. 20 by 2:30pm. Hardcopies only. There will be a box outside of my office (in case I am not in) where your papers can be deposited.

If you miss a class, please check with your classmates and get the notes from the lecture. Whenever a power point presentation will be used in class, I will post slides on D2L under ‘Content’.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please get in touch with me.

Please note that the dates, readings may be adjusted as the semester progresses.

**Course overview:**


Oct. 16 Exam review.

Oct. 18 **Midterm Exam**


           Assignment 4.

           proposal due.

Nov. 27, 29 TB2. Ch.1. King, Court, and Royal Officials. Pp. 11-31. (D2L). TB2. Ch.2 The People

           6. Assignment 5.

           (D2L). Assignment 5 due.