

THE SECOND SOPHISTIC

COURSE NUMBER: GRW 6930	CREDIT HOURS: 3
SEMESTER/YEAR: SPRING 2018	CLASS LOCATION: DAU 0342
	CLASS MEETING TIME(S): R 8-10 PERIODS
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will focus on the study of a unique literary genre, the Second Sophistic, dating from the 1st to the 3rd centuries CE. The time period also get its name from this literary current, signifying the potency of the works and the language at the time.

The name Second Sophistic comes to us from Philostratus, the 3rd-century CE author, along with a list of authors who are part of this movement. It includes mainly orators of the Imperial Era who originate from all parts of the Empire yet all write in Greek. It also prompts a comparison between the sophists of the 5th century BCE and their influence on those imperial descendants.

During the course of the semester, we will try to define the Second Sophistic, discuss its politicization of the language as well as the socio-political implications that these literary works carry.

PREREQUISITE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

This is a graduate course. So advanced knowledge of Greek is required.

PURPOSE OF COURSE

The purpose of the course is to help students advance their understanding of a unique literary trend and a period of history that has not been explored extensively yet. At the time, the vastness of the Roman Empire includes nations from all ends of the worlds, and its constituents are naturalized Romans, are bi(tri)linguals, and write in Greek. Additionally, Attic Greek is revived, the dialect of the 5th- and 4th-century Greek literary activity.

These authors assume roles within the Empire, visit and occasionally reside in the hometowns, which are not in Greece or Italy, and express their thoughts of what it is means to be Greek, Roman, and other.

During the semester we will read selections from Plutarch, Dio of Prusa, Aelius Aristides, Lucian, and Philostratus and discuss the aforementioned issues through their prism.

COURSE GOALS AND/OR OBJECTIVES:

1. Advance knowledge of Greek

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2. Discuss classical Attic and Imperial Attic Greek.
3. Create a framework within which we can comprehend language and society and the influence that one has on the other.
4. Discuss identity during that time.

COURSE SCHEDULE:

DAILY PREPARATION OF THE ASSIGNED MATERIAL IS REQUIRED AND NECESSARY. THIS WILL ALSO HELP YOU SUCCEED IN YOUR PROJECTS.

WEEKLY READINGS

MIDTERM EXAM (MARCH 15TH)

FINAL PROJECT (APRIL 19TH)

Week	Topic
1	Introduction to the Second Sophistic
2	Definitions
3	Politics of Language and Style
4	Past and present
5	Plutarch
6	Plutarch
7	Dio of Prusa
8	Dio of Prusa
9	Aelius Aristides
10	Midterm Exam
11	Lucian
12	Lucian
13	Philostratus
14	Philostratus
15	Final Project

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS AND SOFTWARE:

1. T. Whitmarsh, *The Second Sophistic*. Oxford University Press. 2005. (Recommended)
2. S. Swain, *Hellenism and Empire*. Clarendon Press. 1996. (Recommended)

Material and supply and equipment use fee information is available from the academic departments or from the schedule of courses (Florida Statutes 1009.24). The course fee for this class is \$31.00

EVALUATION OF GRADES

Assignment	Total Points	Percentage of Grade
Weekly Readings and Assignments	40	40%
Midterm Exam	25	25%
Final Project	35	35%

GRADING SCALE:

Letter Grade	% Equivalency	GPA Equivalency
A	94 – 100%	4.0
A-	90 – 93%	3.67
B+	87 – 89%	3.33
B	84 – 86%	3.00
B-	80 – 83%	2.67
C+	77 – 79%	2.33
C	74 – 76%	2.00
C-	70 – 73%	1.67
D+	67 – 69%	1.33
D	64 – 66%	1.00
D-	60 – 63%	.67
E, I, NG, S- U, WF		0.00

More information on grades and grading policies is here:
<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

COURSE POLICIES:

ATTENDANCE / PARTICIPATION

Students are expected to attend class and participate in class discussions and projects and complete peer reviews of projects throughout the semester.

MAKE-UP POLICY

- 1. There will be no make-up work except in extraordinary and documented cases.*
- 2. Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.*

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Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

COURSE TECHNOLOGY

The students will be required to have access to, and use a personal computer with the access to the Internet. Word editing software will be required for written assignments.

COURSE COMMUNICATIONS

Students can communicate directly with the Instructor regarding the course material through the course management system (CANVAS), via e-mail, or during office hours.

VIDEO LECTURE CAPTURE

High-quality video lecture capture of this course is available only for enrolled students. These video captures are edited and posted within 24-48 hours of the class meeting for the benefit of the Your Own Time [YOT] students and to offer the potential for review by on-campus and Real Time [RT] on-line students. For the on-campus and RT students, watching lectures in lieu of attending and participating in class is NOT acceptable. Your Instructor may provide you with this semester's login information during the first week of class. It is not permissible to share or distribute video login information to anyone other than officially enrolled students of this course. Lecture videos can be found at <https://vimeo.com/digitalworlds>.

UF POLICIES:

UNIVERSITY HONESTY POLICY

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge that states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conducthonor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

CLASS DEMEANOR

Students are expected to arrive to class on time and behave in a manner that is respectful to the instructor and to fellow students. Please, avoid the use of cell phones.

STUDENTS REQUIRING ACCOMMODATIONS

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Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter, which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

NETIQUETTE COMMUNICATION COURTESY

All members of the class are expected to follow rules of common courtesy in all email messages, threaded discussions and chats, more information can be found at: <http://teach.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/NetiquetteGuideforOnlineCourses.pdf>

ONLINE COURSE EVALUATIONS

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>.

CAMPUS RESOURCES

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

U Matter, We Care

If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu or 352 392- 1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.

Counseling and Wellness Center

<http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)
Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

University Police Department, 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies). <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu. <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>.

Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling.
<http://www.crc.ufl.edu/>

Library Support, <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.
<http://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>

Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.
<http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>

Student Complaints Campus:
https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF_Complaints_policy.pdf

On-Line Students Complaints:
<http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process>

Disclaimer: This syllabus represents the instructor's current plans and objectives. As we go through the semester, those plans may need to change to enhance the class learning opportunity. Such changes will be communicated clearly during class time.