

BASIC PROGRAM of LIBERAL EDUCATION for ADULTS

Spring Quarter 2024

Herodotus: *The Histories*

INSTRUCTOR	DATES AND TIMES	LOCATION
Cynthia Rutz	COURSE LENGTH: 10 Weeks DATES: Mar. 20 to May 22	Remote Course
EMAIL: clutz@uchicago.edu Instructor can be contacted through Canvas message	DAY OF THE WEEK: Wednesday TIMES: 6:00pm – 9:15pm	COURSE CODE and SECTION: BASC50071 24S1 PREREQUISITES: At least 2 years of the Basic Program

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Herodotus is the great storyteller of the ancient world and also perhaps the first multiculturalist. His stated goal is to write so that “great and wonderful deeds would not go unsung.” He recounts not only the deeds, but also the customs, folklore, religion and geography of the entire ancient Mediterranean world: Egyptians, Phoenicians, and Scythians as well as Greeks. In order to experience this rich panoply, we will read the entire Histories in the beautiful Landmark edition with its excellent maps, footnotes, and critical essays.

For the first class, please read Book One through 1.94 (the story of Croesus).

REQUIRED TEXTS

Herodotus, *The Landmark Herodotus: The Histories*. Penguin Random House, ISBN 9781400031146.

Students can purchase books at the Gleacher Center Bookstore online at <https://chicagobooth.bncollege.com/shop/chicagobooth/page/find-textbooks> using the Textbook order form, or by using the ISBN number to order the correct edition elsewhere.

WEEKLY READING SCHEDULE

DAY	AUTHOR	READING ASSIGNMENT
WEEK 1 March 20	Herodotus	Book One through paragraph 1.94
WEEK 2 March 27	Herodotus	Book One, paragraph 1.94-end
WEEK 3 April 3	Herodotus	Book Two
WEEK 4 April 10	Herodotus	Book Three (guest instructor: Kendall Sharp)
WEEK 5 April 17	Herodotus	Book Four
WEEK 6 April 24	Herodotus	Book Five
WEEK 7 May 1	Herodotus	Book Six
WEEK 8 May 8	Herodotus	Book Seven
WEEK 9 May 15	Herodotus	Book Eight
WEEK 10 May 22	Herodotus	Book Nine

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DISABILITY INFORMATION

WEEKLY READING SCHEDULE

Student Disability Services (SDS) works to provide resources, support and accommodations for all students with disabilities and works to remove physical and attitudinal barriers, which may prevent their full participation in the University community. Students that would like to request accommodations should contact SDS in advance of the first class meeting at 773.702.6000 or disabilities@uchicago.edu.