GRS 381: Greek and Roman Religion

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Greek and Roman Religion surveys religious beliefs and practices, including such topics as concepts of the divine, forms of worship, sacred spaces, and divinatory practices. The course considers the successful adaptation of Greek and Roman polytheism to changing social circumstances and explores the mystery religions, including Christianity, that rose to prominence in the Roman Empire.

Learning Outcomes:

- ✓ Understand the varied beliefs and practices characteristic of Greek and Roman religion
- ✓ Examine sanctuaries and other material remains of Greek and Roman religion
- ✓ Explore how Greeks and Romans dealt with life's mysteries and sought meaning from interacting with—or questioning—the divine

