Course Description:
Study of the ideology, practice and impact of democratic institutions in the Ancient Mediterranean. The political systems of some or all of Classical and Hellenistic Greece, Carthage and the Roman Republic. Ancient influence upon theories of popular government in later history. Emphasis on the differences between direct and representative democracy and the role of democracy in fostering social welfare and economic and cultural development.

Course Outcomes/Objectives:
• Main focus will be on Athens however discussion will include the persistence and adaptation of Greek democratic institutions in the Hellenistic period and their possible influence upon Carthaginian and Roman politics, and ultimately upon the revival of modern republican and democratic government in the wake of the French and American revolutions;
• Placement of the achievements of Greek democracy into a broader historical perspective by comparing Classical Greek social structure and economic development with that of the pre-industrial societies of the European ancien régime, most notably early industrial England

Course Pre-/Co-requisites:
• Recommended: one of GRS 100, GRS 331, or GRS 332

(This online outline is not the official course syllabus and is intended to give an overall sense of the course only. Detailed course outlines will be made available to registered students on the first day of class)