This course examines the cultural inheritance of Greco-Roman athletics, beginning with the development of athletic competitions in the Aegean during the Late Bronze Age. The course will address the origins of the Olympic Games and pay special attention to the addition of horse and musical competitions over time. We will conclude by examining the modern reception of Greco-Roman athletics and in particular the revival of the Olympic Games.

Learning Outcomes:

• knowledge of the history of athletics in ancient Greece
• ability to describe the origins of the Olympic games
• understanding of different types of competition in ancient Greece
• exploration of modern reception of Greco-Roman athletics

No prerequisites.