

**MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF ANCIENT CLASSICS**

GC350 GREEK AND ROMAN CIVILIZATION ESSAY PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS

This document contains information on the lecture schedule concerned with this module and on the signing up process. Please read carefully.

This module requires students to write an essay of approximately 5,000 words (about twice as long as an optional essay offered in other third-year modules in Greek and Roman Civilization) on one of a range of topics. **Six** topics are offered, each relating in a general way to a module taught in the first or second-year course or the first semester of third year. For each topic, there will be one introductory lecture; all six introductory lectures will be given in the first 3 weeks of the second semester. (See rota below) Each topic will also be accompanied by a bibliography and some written guidelines suggesting how it might be approached. But as GC350 is specifically designed as an **independent study** module, you are required to do most of the work on your own. You will of course be free to consult the lecturer concerned in his or her consultation times, but the lecturer will **not** give additional classes on the topic or read and comment on your essay in draft form.

Each student will need to indicate his/her preference for a particular essay topic, but you will not have a completely free choice. A limit of **5** will be imposed on the number of students who can do any particular essay topic and selection will operate on a first-come, first-served basis (so there will be 30 slots in all: more than enough to accommodate the entire class). If more than 5 students opt for the same essay topic then you will have to take your second or third choice. It is therefore in your interest to indicate your preference as soon as possible.

All essay topics are now available for inspection in the accompanying documents on this web page and on the Departmental notice board.

Indicate your preferences on the Essay Preference Form (also on this website) by writing '1', '2', and '3' next to your first, second, and third preferences. **You should submit this Preference Form electronically to classics@mu.ie by 5 p.m. on Monday 4 February 2019 at the latest.** Lists of those who are signed up for each essay will be posted on the Departmental notice board on Tuesday 5 February.

The **introductory lectures** to these essay topics will be held according to the following schedule:

(Week 1)	Wednesday 6 February	(12 noon CB6)	Prof. Scourfield
(Week 1)	Thursday 7 February	(9am CB7)	Dr Davies
(Week 2)	Wednesday 13 February	(12 noon CB6)	Dr Desmond
(Week 2)	Thursday 14 February	(9am CB7)	Dr Campbell
(Week 3)	Wednesday 20 February	(12 noon CB6)	Dr O'Brien
(Week 3)	Thursday 21 February	(9am CB7)	Dr McGroarty