

**DRAFT DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS AND RELIGION COURSE OUTLINE: SPRING 2024**

**GRST 551: DIRECTED RESEARCH**

**Instructors:**

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**Official Course Description (GRST 551)**

Qualified students will undertake supervised research projects individually or in small groups.

**Course Objectives**

Specialized research topic devoted to ecocriticism and the ancient Mediterranean world.

**Course Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Analyze and develop a visual and written vocabulary for ecocriticism and the ancient Mediterranean world
2. Determine how scholars have traditionally approached ecocriticism as it relates to the ancient Mediterranean world
3. Establish strategies to tackle ecocriticism in ancient Mediterranean culture
4. Develop persuasive communication skills through written work and discussion about the ancient Mediterranean world and ecocriticism
5. Develop independent research skills

**Prerequisites:** No prerequisites required

**Grading (Weighting)**

<i>Field Notebook</i>	<b>25%</b>
<i>Prospectus of defined topic</i>	<b>35%</b>
<i>Final Project</i>	<b>40%</b>

***Learning Technologies and Requirements***

Please consult Plagiarism section below and in the calendar. It is unlikely that outside written sources will be necessary for your answers, but in the event, any are used, they must be properly cited.

*It is **not** essential to pass all components to pass the course as whole.*

***There is no final Examination.***

**Grading System**

The following number and letter grade scheme, usually used within the Department of Classics and Religion:

A+	100 – 96%	A	95 – 90%	A-	89 – 85%
B+	84 – 80%	B	79 – 75%	B-	74 – 70%
C+	69 – 65%	C	64 – 60%	C-	59 – 55%
D+	54 – 53%	D	52 – 50%	F	Under 50%

### **Course Format**

This is an intensive off-campus field course that consists of a series of learning modules where you will learn theory and undertake experiential learning exercises each day with an assignment to be completed each evening.

A separate packing list will be posted.

### **Learning Resources**

Materials will be posted.

#### Learning Technologies and Requirements

*Students are required to have reliable access to the following technology:*

- *A computer, phone and/or iPad/Tablet with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates;*
- *A current and updated web browser;*
- *Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled.*

### **Flexible Grade Option**

(CG Grade) <https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-1-3.html> Additional Course Information