

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course surveys the political history of Greece from the beginning of the second millennium BCE to the Roman conquest of Egypt in 31 BCE. The course falls into four major sections. The first covers the Bronze Age, the Greek Dark Age, and the rebirth of Greek civilized life in Greece in the early Archaic, or Homeric, Age, roughly from 2000 to 700 BCE. The second covers the Archaic Age down to 500 BCE. The third examines fifth-century BCE Greece, the high point of Greek civilization. The last carries the story of Greek history from 400 BCE through the Hellenistic period to the end of the Roman conquest of Greece in 30 BCE.