**CL1550 Greek History and the City State**

**Summer Reading**

The best way of preparing for this course is to read the following books:

M.H. Hansen *Polis: An Introduction to the Ancient Greek City-State*, Oxford University Press 2006

P. J. Rhodes *A History of the Classical Greek World: 478 - 323 BC* (2nd Edition), Wiley-Blackwell 2010

S. Hornblower *The Greek World, 479-323 BC.* (Fourth Edition). *Routledge History of the Ancient World*. Routledge, 2011.

If you do not have time to read all three, I suggest that you start with Rhodes and Hansen. Hornblower's book requires a certain level of background knowledge which you can acquire by reading Rhodes' book.

In addition, you may also find it helpful to familiarise yourself with some of the relevant primary literature, including the three famous Greek historiographers Herodotos, Thucydides and Xenophon. All three authors can be accessed in translation for free through the Perseus website:

http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/collection?collection=Perseus:collection:Greco-Roman

If you prefer to read a paper copy, then I can recommend the following translations:

Thucydides *The Peloponnesian War*. Translated by Martin Hammond and Introduction and Notes by P. J. Rhodes. Oxford World's Classics, Oxford University Press (2009)

Herodotus *The Histories*. Translated by A. De Selincourt. Penguin Classics 2003

Xenophon *A History of My Times*. Translated by Rex Warner. Penguin Classics 1979