

Spring 2018

**HIST 585-3: Special Topics in History:**

Topic: Anc.Medicine: Theory/Practice (OPUS title)  
Ancient Medicine: Theory & Practice from the Hippocratics to Galen (and beyond)  
(Complete course title)

Instructor	Day(s)	Time(s)	Maximum Enrollment
Patterson	TU	6:00 – 9:00 pm	12

**Semester Description:**

Course description: “Life is short, the art is long” – Hippocrates. The course focuses on the historical development and influence of the Greek “art” or *techné* of medicine from its Hippocratic origins in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> centuries BCE through its authoritative articulation in the works of Galen in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century CE, at the height of the Roman empire. As a coda, we consider the challenge and tribute to ancient Greek (and particularly Galenic) anatomy presented in Andreas Vesalius’ Renaissance masterpiece *de Humani Corporis Fabrica* (1543), a first edition of which is held by Emory’s Rose Library.

**Required Textbooks, Articles, and Resources:**

TBA

**Grading:**

TBA

**Additional Notes:**

- Students will be encouraged to develop comparative projects engaging with medical traditions and texts from different eras and cultures.
- Qualified undergraduates are encouraged to enroll, with permission of instructor.
- Guest speakers/discussants will be a regular part of the course.