

STT-Art of Ancient Civilizations

Archaeology 331

Section: E100

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Discussion Topics: This course will cover the archaeology of the Near East, focusing on Mesopotamia, the Northern and Southern Levant and Anatolia, from the Palaeolithic period to the end of the Iron Age. It will focus particularly on the Neolithic, Chalcolithic, Bronze and Iron Ages.

Major topics covered will include: the origins of agriculture; early ritual behaviour; the development of complex society; the earliest forms of urbanism; the rise of the state and the organization of early state economies; long-distance trade and internationalism; cultural decline, collapse and regeneration; the archaeology of empire; and archaeology and nationalism.

Grading: Map quiz 10%
Midterm exam 25%
Final exam 25%
Research paper 40%

Required Texts: Marc Van de Mieroop. 2007. A History of the Ancient Near East ca. 3000-323 BC. 2nd edition. Blackwell.

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: ARCH 272 or 273

Notes: Breadth: Social Science

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