COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will consider the destinies of civilization in Western Eurasia from the eighth through the first millennium B.C. Special attention will be given to the following subjects:

(1) The birth of agriculture and cities in the Near East (ca. 8000-3000 B.C.; and

the first urban civilizations during the Near Eastern and eastern Mediterranean Bronze Age (ca. 3000-1200 B.C.);

(2) civilization in the Near East during the early Iron Age (ca. 1200-500 B.C.);

(3) civilization in Greek World during the early Iron Age (ca. 1200-500 B.C.);

(4) the Classic Age of Greek Civilization (ca. 500-330 B.C.) and,

(5) the conquests of Alexander the Great and the juncture of Greek and Near Eastern Civilization after his death (ca. 330-100 B.C.).
REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

Paul J. Alexander, THE ANCIENT WORLD TO A.D. 300, Macmillan Co. Paperback


W. F. Albright, BIBLICAL PERIOD FROM ABRAHAM TO EZRA, Harper & Row Torchbook TB 102

R. Sealey, HISTORY OF THE GREEK STATES, 700-338 B.C., U. of California Press--Campus Paperback no. 165

R. Lattimore, GREEK LYRICS, U. of Chicago Press--Phoenix Paperback P 48

OPTIONAL:


P. Matthias, EBLA: AN EMPIRE REDISCOVERED, Doubleday & Co. (hardback)

JERUSALEM BIBLE: READER'S EDITION, Doubleday & Co. Paperback


F. W. Walbank, THE HELLENISTIC WORLD, Harvard University Press Paperback