

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Department of History  
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HISTORY 111  
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THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST AND GREECE

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will survey a wide range of ancient cultures over a great period of time. The civilizations of primary focus for this course are those that developed in the area of Mesopotamia, the region of Egypt, the areas surrounding the Aegean Sea, and, to some extent, Asia Minor and Palestine. Due to the great scope of this course, only an overview of each civilization is possible. However, special attention will be paid to certain significant aspects in the development of human society. The main theme of this course is the position of the individual in relation to his society as a whole. As a result, this aspect will be considered to some extent for each of the civilizations you will study.

LECTURES:

There will be 3 lectures/week, plus one discussion section.

Written Assignments and Examinations: 6 week, 12 week, and final exam.

Honors students and 4-credit non-honors students will also write papers (below).

EXAMS: Will be essay style. They will require an understanding of the fundamental questions, supported by evidence found in the readings and lectures.

Non-honors Students who take the course for 4-credits:

Are required to take the 6 week, 12 week and final exam. In addition, these students must write a term paper (suggested maximum length: 8 to 10 pages). The paper must be based on an analysis of specific ancient material read in this course. The paper is due April 27. With permission of the T.A., it may be rewritten for improvement.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you register for 4 credits, you MUST do the required written work. If after having signed up for the fourth credit, you decide that you don't want to complete the written work, you MUST formally drop the credit, with the Registrar, by the 9th week of classes. Otherwise, whether or not you complete the work, you shall be responsible for it.

HONORS STUDENTS:

Will participate in a discussion with the instructor. You will choose your own paper topics or projects.

GRADING:

3-credits: approximately 25% for the 6 and 12 week exams; 10% for participation in discussion sections; 40% for the final exam.

4-credits: approximately 20% for the 6 and 12 week exams and the paper; 10% for participation in discussion sections; 30% for the final exam.

Books to be purchased:

Carl Roebuck, The World of Ancient Times

James B. Pritchard, The Ancient Near East, vol. I

John A. Wilson, The Culture of Ancient Egypt

Herodotus, The Persian Wars. Translated by George Rawlinson

Hesiod and Theogonis, translated by D. Wender

F.W. Walbank, The Hellenistic World

Plato, The Apology of Socrates and Crito, translated by Benjamin Jowett

Revised Standard Bible

Books on Reserve:

Please note that the Reserve Collection in H.C. White (Room 1191) has on reserve all of the forementioned books. All these books have been placed on 3-hour reserve.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lectures</u>	<u>Readings</u>
January		
22	Introduction to Historical Themes	
I. Mesopotamia		
24	Pre-Bronze Age (before ca.3000 B.C.) and Sumer	Roebuck, pp.3-17, 19-32 Pritchard, pp.28-30
27	Mesopotamian Society	Roebuck, pp.35-41
29	Sargon and the Akkadian Empire	Roebuck, pp.32-35 Pritchard, pp.85-86
31	Hammurabi and the Babylonian Empire	Roebuck, pp.41-46 Pritchard, pp.138-167
February		
3	Mesopotamian Literature: The Creation Story	Pritchard, pp.31-39
5	Mesopotamian World View	Pritchard, pp.40-76, 250-252
7	Assyria	Roebuck, pp.141-153 Pritchard, pp.188-205
II. Egypt		
10	Introduction and Early Dynastic Period (Dynasties 1 - 2/3)	Roebuck, pp.47-55 Wilson, pp.43-68 Recommended: Wilson, pp.1-42
12	Human and Divine Cosmos and the Old Kingdom (Dynasties 3/4 - 6)	Roebuck, pp.55-60, 64-73 Wilson, pp.69-103 Pritchard, pp.1-5
14	1st Intermediate Period (Dynasties 7 - 11) Middle Kingdom (Dynasties 11 - 12)	Roebuck, pp.60-64 Wilson, pp.104-155 Pritchard, pp.173-175
17	2nd Intermediate Period (Dynasties 13 - 17) New Kingdom (Dynasties 18 - 20)	Roebuck, pp.75-87 Wilson, pp.154-288 Pritchard, pp.173-184
19	Fall of Empire	Roebuck, pp.87-90 Wilson, pp.289-318 Pritchard, pp.184-186

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February		
III. The Hebrews		
21	Pre-Kingdom Period	Pritchard, pp.231, 267-274 Roebuck, pp.125-135 Deuteronomy 26
24	Saul to David	I Samuel, 1-24, 31 II Samuel, 1-20 I Kings, 1
26	From Solomon to the Exile	I Kings, 1-12 II Kings, 18-25
28	Hebraic World View	Genesis 1-3 Exodus 19-24 Isiah 40, 44, 49 Pritchard, pp.278-282 Psalm 19
March		
2	Slide Lecture	No readings
<u>6 WEEK EXAM: MARCH 4</u>		
16	Medes and Persians	Roebuck, pp.157-170 Pritchard, pp.206-208 Herodotus I 95-216
18	Medes and Persians, Continued	Same as above.
20	Mycenaean and Minoan Age	Roebuck, pp.101-119
23	Mycenaean and Minoan Age, Continued	Same as above.
25	Transformation of Greek Thought	Roebuck, pp.174-190 Herodotus I 56-58
27	The world according to Hesiod: Human and Divine Cosmos	Hesiod, <u>Theogony</u> , all Hesiod, <u>Works and Days</u> , lines 47-201
30	Women in 3 Cultures: Mesopotamian, Hebraic and Greek	No readings

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April		
1	Tyranny in the Peloponnesus	Roebuck, pp.191-197 Herodotus, I 23-24; III 39-60; V 67-68, 92; VI 126-131
3	Sparta	Roebuck, pp.197-203 Herodotus, I 65-68, 82; V 39-54; VI 48-84; VII 219-232
6	Athens	Roebuck, pp.203-235 Herodotus, I 59-64; V 55-66, 69-91
8	Persian Wars	Roebuck, pp.236-252 Herodotus, V 96-105; VI 94-136; VII 201-VIII 96
10	Persian Wars, Continued	Same as above.
13	Slide Lecture	No readings

12 WEEK EXAM: APRIL 15

17	No school	
20	Athenian Empire	Roebuck, pp.253-275 Herodotus, IX 108-122
	The Peloponnesian War (2 Lectures)	
22	The Archidamian War	Roebuck, pp.276-286
24	End of the Athenian Empire	Roebuck, pp.286-301
27	Socrates	Plato, <u>The Apology of Socrates</u> , all. Roebuck, pp.299-301
29	Aftermath of the Peloponnesian War to the Rise of Macedonia	Roebuck, pp.302-323
May		
1	Alexander and the Conquest of Persia	Walbank, pp.29-45
4	3 Hellenistic Kingdoms	Walbank, pp.46-59, 79-140
6	Aspects of Hellenistic Civilization	Walbank, 60-78, 159-175, 209-226

Date

Lectures

Readings

May

The Emergence of Rome

Walbank, pp.227-251

FINAL EXAM:

2:45p.m. Friday, May 15