

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester I Year 1977-8

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
History 111	Ancient Near East and Greece	K. Sacks

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will deal with the history and cultures of the Ancient Near East and Greece. We shall proceed more or less chronologically, emphasizing in particular in the Near East Babylonia, Egypt, and Israel, and treat more cursorily the Hittites, Persians, and others. Our view of Greece will include the Homeric period of the Bronze Age, the growth of individual city-states such as Athens and Sparta, and the Great Persian Wars.

Within the framework of political history, cultural aspects will be stressed, employing ancient literary documents and slides of archaeological finds and monuments.

LECTURES

3 per week, plus a weekly discussion section

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

5-week, 10-week, and final examination.
People taking the course for 4 credits must also write a paper.

GRADING SYSTEM

Exams and papers count pretty much equally; some consideration given for participation in discussion sections.

REQUIRED READINGS

H.W.F. Saggs, The Greatness that was Babylon
Jean Hatzfeld, History of Ancient Greece
John Wilson, The Culture of Ancient Egypt
The Old Testament of the Jerusalem Bible, vol. II
James Pritchard, The Ancient Near East, vol. I.
Henri Frankfort, Before Philosophy
M. Marcett, W. Leaf, and A. Lang, The Compact Homer
Herodotus, The Persian Wars
Plutarch, The Rise and Fall of Athens