

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester I Year 1982-3

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

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course we shall deal with four important ancient Mediterranean cultures: the Mesopotamian, the Israelite, the Egyptian, and the Greek. Taking them in that order, we shall trace their development from urbanization, about 3000 B.C., through the glorious cultural period of the Bronze Age (c. 2000-1000 B.C.), and the renaissance of the First Millennium B.C. Strong emphasis will be placed upon the themes of totalitarian government versus political freedom and man's perception of himself within nature and society. An attempt will be made to contrast these differing understandings amidst the Near Eastern and Greek civilizations. Ancient evidence and slides of archaeological remains will be used whenever possible.

LECTURES

3/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.

GRADING SYSTEM

A-F

REQUIRED READINGS

Carl Roebuck, THE WORLD OF ANCIENT TIMES
John Wilson, THE ANCIENT CULTURE OF EGYPT
James Fritchard (ed.), THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST, vol. I
Herodotus, THE PERSIAN WARS
Sophocles, THE OEDIPUS CYCLE
The Bible