

ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS
ARKY 325 - SPRING 2015
MW 9:00 – 11:50am, EEEL 210
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This course surveys the great civilizations of the ancient world, including Egypt, Mesopotamia, the Indus Valley, China, Mesoamerica, and South America. Emphasis will be placed on how archaeologists relate material culture (i.e., artifacts) to interpretations of cultural practice, and the processes of culture change by which complex societies evolved in diverse parts of the globe. Lectures will be illustrated with the art, architecture, and artifacts of past civilizations in order to expose students to how “material culture” embodies human experience and thereby provides a window on the past.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Ancient Civilizations (3rd edition), by Christopher Scarre and Brian Fagan (2008),
Pearson/Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ.

GRADING:

Grades will be based on pop quizzes (20 pts), two short essays (20 pts each), and a final essay (40 pts), totaling 100 points. An additional 10 pts can be awarded for discussion about articles on D2L. One point per article posted and one point for discussion posts about a posted article – to a maximum of 10 pts. Individual grades will be based on total points received:

A+ 100-94.9%	B+ 84.8-79.9%	C+ 70.8-66.9%	D+ 58.8-54.9%
A 94.8-89.9%	B 79.8-74.9%	C 66.8-62.9%	D 54.8-49.9%
A- 89.8-84.9%	B- 74.8-70.9%	C- 62.8-58.9%	F 49.8% and below

PAPERS:

Two short essays on a paper topic selected from a list provided on del. A research paper should involve at least 5 peer reviewed sources (not including the textbook). The paper should be short (2-5 pages) and concise. (1.5 spacing, 1 inch margin, 11 pt Arial font)

Final Essay on a topic of your choice. The topic has to be approved by June 8 on d2l (just a title or topic similar to the list provided for essay 1). There is no length requirement, but you must use 10 peer reviewed references (not the textbook). Paper topics may include such themes as sites, artifact classes, or cultural practices and can be chosen from the list provided for essay 1. (1.5 spacing, 1 inch margin, 11 pt Arial font)

References – use the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) style guide
http://www.saa.org/Portals/0/SAA/Publications/StyleGuide/StyleGuide_Final_813.pdf (or email with your alternative).

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS:

It is the student’s responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with Student Accessibility Services, please contact their office at 220-8237. You are required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation.

PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Plagiarism: “to steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one’s own” (Webster’s). Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will automatically result in a failing grade for the submission. Any student caught plagiarizing will also be subject to additional University sanctions. Students are expected to be familiar with the Anthropology and Archaeology Department’s guidelines on intellectual honesty available at: <http://anth.ucalgary.ca/intellectual-honesty-guidelines>

EMERGENCY EVACUATION:

In the event that the classroom should need to be evacuated due to an emergency situation please note that the primary assembly point shall be at the Social Science Food Court and the Professional Faculties Food Court shall be used as a secondary assembly point.

USRI:

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COURSE CALENDAR

Date	Lecture Topic	Readings	Due
20-May	Study of Civilization	Chp 1, 2, & 19	
25-May	China & Asia	Chp 6 and 14	
27-May	South Asia	Chp 13 and 5	
1-Jun	Near East	Chp 7 & 8	Essay 1 due
3-Jun	Mesopotamia	Chp 3	
8-Jun	Egyptian	Chp 4	Final Essay Topic
10-Jun	Mediterranean	Chp 9 & 10	
15-Jun	Mediterranean & Northeas	Chp 11 & 12	Essay 2 due
17-Jun	Mesoamerica	Chp 15 & 16	
22-Jun	South America	Chp 17 & 18	
24-Jun	Americas & wrap-up		(last day of class)
29-Jun			Final Essay Due