

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY
ARKY 325 Ancient Civilizations

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Lectures: (In-person) Tuesdays and Thursdays: 12:00-14:45PM

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Instructor Email Policy:

All communications must be through **@ucalgary email**. I will respond within 24 hours. Please include course title (ARKY 325) in the subject heading.

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Course Description

The rise and achievements of the earliest civilizations in both the Old and New Worlds. Emphasis will be placed on the civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China, Mesoamerica, and the Andes.

Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

- Theoretical approaches to study ancient civilizations
- Discuss how archaeologists can reconstruct the past from material remains
- Characteristics of ancient civilizations
- Explain the historical development of each civilization from simpler forms of society.
- Identify and locate on maps major archaeological sites and important geographical features pertaining to each ancient civilization.
- Major achievements of the civilizations

Prerequisites

None

LEARNING RESOURCES

Textbook

Scarre, Christopher and Brian Fagan. 2016. *Ancient Civilizations* (4th edition). Routledge, New York.

Partial slide notes will be posted in D2L. Posted notes are to enhance the lecture and augment your handwritten notes of lecture material, not replace them.

Class attendance is strongly recommended

Learning Technologies and Requirements

In order to successfully engage in their learning experiences at the University of Calgary, students taking in-person classes are required to have reliable access to the following technology:

- A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates
- A current and updated web browser
- Current antivirus and/ or firewall software enabled
- Broadband internet connection

Exam Format: Multiple choice and short answers. Exams are not cumulative.

Final Exam: Scheduled by the Registrar's Office. Exact date, time, and location TBA.

May 19: Midterm I

30% of final grade

June 2: Midterm II

30% of final grade

Final Exam- TBA Registrar's Scheduled

40% of final grade

Grading Scheme

A+	100-95%	B+	84.9 -80%	C+	70.9-67%	D+	58.9 – 55%
A	94.9 -90%	B	79.9-75%	C	66.9 -63%	D	54.9- 50%
A-	89.9-85%	B-	74.9-71%	C-	62.9-59%	F	50% and below

Missed Exams and Quizzes: In the event that a student missed exam or quiz, the student should contact the instructor within 24 hours. Students are required to provide supporting documentation for a missed exam. Makeup exams may not have the same format as the original exams and should be written prior to the following class.

For additional information please see the university policy regarding absences at the link below:

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/m-1.html>

Class Schedule (Note the dates for topics may vary)

Week 1: May 5th

Introduction

Approaches to study ancient civilizations

Reading: Chapter 1

Week 2: May 10th and 12th

Theories of State

Mesopotamia

Readings: Chapter 2 and 3

Week 3: May 17th and 19th

Mesopotamia continues

May 19th:

- **Midterm I 30% of the final grade (Evaluated on the topics covered from May 5th, 10th, 12th, and 17th)**
- Ancient Egypt
- Readings: Chapter 4

Week 4: May 24th and 26th

Ancient Egypt continues

Indus Valley Civilization

Readings: Chapter 5

Week 5: May 31st and June 2nd

Indus Valley Civilization continues

June 2nd:

- **Midterm II 30% of the final grade (Evaluated on the topics covered from May 19th, 24th, 26th and 31st)**
- Ancient China
- Readings: Chapter 6

Week 6: June 7th and 9th

Ancient China continues

Mesoamerica

Readings: Chapter 15 and 16

Week 7: June 14th and June 16th

Mesoamerica continues

Andes

Readings: Chapter 17 and 18

Final Exam: TBA Scheduled by Registrar's Office. (40% of the final grade. Non-cumulative and covers everything after midterm II).

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Academic Accommodations

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations visit:

<https://live-ucalgary.ucalgary.ca/student-services/access>

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/accommodation-students-disabilities-procedure>

Academic Misconduct

“Academic Misconduct” includes such things as cheating, falsification, plagiarism, unauthorized assistance, and failure to comply with exam regulations or an Instructor’s expectations regarding conduct required of Students completing academic assessments. Students who participate in, or encourage the commission of, Academic Misconduct will be subject to disciplinary action which include Probation, Suspension, or Expulsion from the University. For information on academic misconduct and its consequences, please see the University of Calgary Calendar at:

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-3.html>

<https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity>

Class Regulations and Participation Expectations

Students are expected to attend in-person class regularly and to be fully present and engaged in class discussions.

- **Try to arrive on time to prevent disruption to the class.** If you are late, please take a seat near the door to minimize disruption.
- **Leaving class during the lecture can be disruptive and is strongly discouraged.** If you know you have to leave early one day, please let me know and sit near a door.
- **Please refrain from conversing with classmates during lectures.** Talking between students during class is unfair to your classmates who may miss lecture material that will subsequently appear on exams. If you are discussing lecture material, please raise your hand to share the comment or question as that will benefit the whole class. Relevant interruptions are always welcome! You may also email questions, which I will answer in the next class.

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All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright (<https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/acceptable-use-material-protected-copyright-policy>) and requirements of the copyright act (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html>) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorised sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Act.

Support and Resources

Please visit the Registrar's website at: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines> . For additional important information on the following:

- Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points
- Wellness and Mental Health Resources
- Student Success Centre
- Student Ombuds Office
- Student Union (SU) Information
- Safewalk