

**DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY  
ARCHAEOLOGY 325(01)**

**ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS**

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**INTRODUCTION:**

What is civilization; why did it arise not once but several times in the Old and New Worlds? What do the earliest civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China, Mesoamerica and the Andes have in common? Did they develop along similar or different lines? What is the role of religion, of agricultural intensification, of trade?

These and other questions will be treated in this survey of the earliest civilizations in both hemispheres to be illustrated by films and slides.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

By the end of the course, students should have the necessary skills and knowledge to:

- ❖ Describe how archaeologists are able to reconstruct the past from material remains.
- ❖ Outline key developments in the evolution of civilizations.
- ❖ Define the locations, chronologies and key characteristics of key archaeological civilizations.
- ❖ Critically assess the information they encounter about archaeology and prehistory in the popular media.

**COURSE TEXTS (Required):**

R.J. Wenke 2006 *Patterns in Prehistory* (5th ed.) Oxford.

**Students are responsible for all materials covered in the required readings and the lectures, including films and videos. Classroom materials missed due to absenteeism are the sole responsibility of the student.**

**A Course Schedule will be posted on Desire<sup>2</sup>Learn.**

**Grading (Weighting):** There will be three in-term quizzes worth 30% and one quiz on the last day of classes worth 10%. Scores will **not** be curved.

There will not be a final exam scheduled by the Registrar's Office.  
It is not essential to pass all elements/components to pass the course as a whole.

**Percentage to Letter Grade Conversion**

Grade	Percent
A+	95+
A	87-94%
A-	83-86%
B+	78-82%
B	74-77%
B-	70-73%
C+	67-69%
C	63-66%
C-	60-62%
D+	57-59%
D	50-56%
F	0-49%

**Grades will be rounded up at .5.**

**Computers and communications devices are not allowed in the classroom during tests.**

### **Writing Across the Curriculum**

Writing skills are not exclusive to English courses and, in fact, should cross all disciplines. The University supports the belief that throughout their University careers, students should be taught how to write well so that when they graduate their writing abilities will be far above the minimal standards required at entrance. Consistent with this belief, students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their University courses and, where appropriate, instructors can and may use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Centre in the Effective Writing Office can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.

### **Student Accessibility Services Accommodations**

Student Accommodations. Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should contact Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities available at

**[http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-foraccommodations-for-students-with-disabilities\\_0.pdf](http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-foraccommodations-for-students-with-disabilities_0.pdf)**

It is the responsibility of the student 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 (403)220-8237.

Students who have not registered with Student Accessibility Services are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. Students are also required to discuss their needs with the instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of the course.

### **Academic Misconduct**

Academic dishonesty is an unacceptable activity at the University of Calgary and students are **strongly advised** to read the Student Misconduct section of the University Calendar. Quite often, students are unaware of what constitutes academic dishonesty or plagiarism. The most common are:

- 1) Presenting another student's work as your own
- 2) Presenting an author's work or ideas as you own without proper referencing
- 3) Using work completed for another course

This activity will not be tolerated and students conducting themselves in this manner will be dealt with according to the procedures outlined in the University Calendar.

For detailed information on what constitutes academic misconduct, please refer to the following link:

**<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2-1.html>**

### **Emergency Evacuation Assembly Points**

In the event of an emergency that requires evacuation, please refer to the following link to become familiar with the assembly points for the class: **<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>**

### **USRI**

At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses. Your responses make a difference, please participate!

Website: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/usri/>

### **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

The University of Calgary is committed to protecting the privacy of individuals who work and study at the University or who otherwise interact with the University in accordance with the standards set out in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Please refer to the following link for detailed information:

**<http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/system/files/foip%20overview.pdf>**

***The Department of Anthropology and Archaeology's FOIP (Freedom of Information and Privacy) policy requires all reports/examinations to be returned to students during class time or the instructor's office hours. Any term work not picked up will be placed in the Anthropology and Archaeology Office (ES620) for distribution. Any student not wishing to have their work placed in the office must make alternate arrangements with the course instructor early in the term.***

### **Safewalk Information**

Campus Security, in partnership with the Students' Union, provides the Safewalk service, 24 hours a day to any location on Campus including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones and University residences. Contact Campus Security at (403) 220-5333 or use a help phone, and Safewalkers or a Campus Security Officer will accompany you to your campus destination.

### **Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources**

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at [artsads@ucalgary.ca](mailto:artsads@ucalgary.ca). You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at (403) 220-5881 or visit them in their new space on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Contact for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts:

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