

ARKY 343: The Ancient Maya
Winter 2019
MWF 11:00-11:50
MFH 160

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Pre-requisites: None

Course Description: The Maya civilization flourished in the tropical rainforest of Mexico and Central America for over 2500 years, from around 1000 BC to the arrival of the Spanish in AD 1519. This class will explore how the Maya adapted and built great cities in the rainforest, examine their political systems and religious beliefs, and introduce their writing and calendrical systems.

Learning Objectives: By the end of the semester you will develop an understanding of this important Precolumbian culture.

Required Texts:

- *The First Maya Civilization: Ritual and Power Before the Classic Period* by Francisco Estrada-Belli
- *The Maya* (Ninth edition) by Michael D. Coe and Stephen D. Houston
- Additional readings available on D2L

Course Grading:

- Two midterm exams, worth 45% each, total 90% (Feb 11 / March 22)
- One in class quiz on the final day of class worth 10%. (April 10)

Description of Exams:

- Midterm exams consist of multiple choice, fill in the blank, and short answer questions.
- The quiz consists of multiple-choice questions only.
- The midterm exams and the final quiz are NOT cumulative.
- There is no final.
- I do not allow a student to take a make-up exam for the midterms or the final quiz without documentation supporting the request. Please see the 2018-19 Calendar, Section N.1, <https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/n-1.html>

Grading Scale:

A+ 96-100	B+ 82-85	C+ 70-73	D+ 56-61
A 90-95	B 78-81	C 66-69	D 50-55
A- 86-90	B- 74-77	C- 62-65	F <50