

Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations

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Degree Offered: B.A.

This interdisciplinary major in the cultures of ancient Greece and Rome, Judaism, early Christianity, and early Islam, as well as their antecedents, explores these traditions both for their intrinsic interest and for the contributions each has made to contemporary Western society. This combined focus on ancient cultural history in its broadest sense and on perspectives offered by cultural criticism enables students to examine the beginnings of the civilization in which they now participate.

Courses for this major address common questions about the transmission and transformation of cultures in the ancient Mediterranean world. Students examine sources, such as texts, artifacts, and institutions that illuminate the process. They study how shifting cultural centers and frontiers in this world are delineated, and they explore the general integration and disintegration of specific ancient cultures. This major also offers opportunities for archaeological fieldwork and study abroad.

Rice is a sponsor of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, the American School of Oriental Research, and the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome. Students majoring in Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations are encouraged to study in these programs as well as in the College Year in Athens program.

Degree Requirements for B.A. in Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements (pages 16–18). Majors in Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations must compete at least 30 semester hours (10 courses). Students must take a core course (AMC 200, CLAS 207, or CLAS 208) near the beginning of their studies, and may select from the following courses to fulfill their requirements for the major.

For the most current and accurate list of AMC courses offered in fall 2001 and spring 2002, please visit the AMC website at <http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~amc>.

NOTE: Courses listed with an asterisk (*) after the course number will be offered during the 2001–2002 academic year.

Core Courses

- AMC 200 *Origins of Western Civilizations: Athens, Rome, and Jerusalem*
 CLAS 207 *Greek Civilization: Literature and Society—The Development of Drama and Historiography in Classical Athens*
 CLAS 208* *Roman Civilization*

Anthropology

- ANTH 203 *Human Antiquity: An Introduction to Physical Anthropology and Prehistory*
 ANTH 205* *Introduction to Archaeology*
 ANTH 325 *Self, Sex, and Society in Ancient Greece*
 ANTH 345* *The Politics of the Past: Archaeology in Social Context*
 ANTH 362* *Archaeological Field Techniques*
 ANTH 363 *Early Civilizations*
 ANTH 377 *The Ancient City*
 ANTH 460* *Advanced Archaeological Theory*
 ANTH 474 *Advanced Seminar on the Prehistoric Landscape*

Classical Studies

- CLAS 222 *Perspectives on Greek Tragedy*
 CLAS 225* *Women in Greece and Rome*
 CLAS 315 *Socrates: The Man and His Philosophy*
 CLAS 316 *Democracy and Political Theory in Ancient Greece*
 CLAS 335* *Myth and Storytelling: Ancient, Medieval, and Modern Traditions*
 CLAS 351 *Epic and Saga*
 CLAS 352 *Periclean Athens*

Greek Studies

- GREE 101* *Introduction to Ancient Greek I*
 GREE 102* *Introduction to Ancient Greek II*
 GREE 201* *Intermediate Greek I*
 GREE 202* *Intermediate Greek II*
 GREE 301 *Advanced Greek I*
 GREE 302 *Advanced Greek II*
 GREE 491* *Directed Reading*
 GREE 492* *Directed Reading*

Latin

- LATI 101* *Elementary Latin I*
 LATI 102* *Elementary Latin II*
 LATI 201* *Intermediate Latin I*
 LATI 202* *Intermediate Latin II*
 LATI 301 *Advanced Latin I: Apuleius and Petronius*
 LATI 302* *Advanced Latin II: Horace*
 LATI 310 *Advanced Latin: Virgil*
 LATI 312 *Advanced Latin: Ovid*
 LATI 313* *Advanced Latin: Literature and Society in the Latin Republic—Catullus and Cicero*
 LATI 491* *Directed Reading*
 LATI 492* *Directed Reading*

History

- HIST 113* *God, Time and History*
 HIST 152* *Freshman Seminar in Ancient History*
 HIST 200 *Origins of Western Civilizations: Athens, Rome, and Jerusalem*
 HIST 202* *Introduction to Medieval Civilization: The Early Middle Ages*
 HIST 205 *Myth, History, and the Problem of the Past*
 HIST 207 *Greek Civilization: Literature and Society*

- HIST 273 *Ancient and Medieval Jewish History, 70–1492*
 HIST 281* *The Middle East from the Prophet Muhammad to Muhammad Ali*
 HIST 283* *Women in the Islamic World*
 HIST 306 *Politics and Society in Ancient Greece*
 HIST 307* *Imperial Rome, from Caesar to Diocletian*
 HIST 308 *The World of Late Antiquity*
 HIST 309 *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*
 HIST 320 *Science in Antiquity and the Middle Ages*
 HIST 325* *Introduction to Medieval Civilization: The Early Middle Ages (enriched version)*
 HIST 373 *Ancient and Medieval Jewish History, 70–1492 (enriched version)*
 HIST 377 *The Ancient City*
 HIST 445* *Jews and Christians: Perceptions of the Other*
 HIST 451* *Philosophies and Theologies of History*
 HIST 460 *Advanced Seminar in Ancient History*

History of Art

- HART 101* *Introduction to the History of Western Art: Prehistoric to Gothic*
 HART 310 *The First Civilizations*
 HART 311 *Art of the Ancient Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean*
 HART 312 *Greek Architecture*
 HART 314* *Art and Architecture in the Hellenistic World*
 HART 315 *Roman Art and Archaeology*
 HART 316 *Greek Sculpture*
 HART 317 *Late Antique/Early Christian Art and Architecture*

- HART 318* *Special Topics in Ancient Art*
 HART 319* *Independent Study in Ancient Art*
 HART 327 *The City in the Eastern Mediterranean*
 HART 329* *Independent Study in Early Christian, Byzantine, and Islamic Art*

Linguistics

- LING 437 *History of Linguistics*

Philosophy

- PHIL 201* *History of Philosophy I*
 PHIL 301* *Ancient and Medieval Philosophy*
 PHIL 307* *Social and Political Philosophy*
 PHIL 501* *Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy*

Religious Studies

- RELI 122 *The Bible and Its Interpreters*
 RELI 125* *Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I*
 RELI 126* *Introduction to Biblical Hebrew II*
 RELI 127 *Intermediate Biblical Hebrew*
 RELI 200* *The Bible in Western Tradition*
 RELI 223* *Qu'ran and Commentary*
 RELI 302 *Jewish-Christian Dialogue*
 RELI 307 *History of Christianity: The First Four Centuries*
 RELI 308 *Canonical Gospels: Narrative and Social Setting*
 RELI 370 *Dynamics of Classical Judaism*
 RELI 383 *The Dead Sea Scrolls*

University Courses

- UNIV 302 *Communication, Cognition, and Culture*

See AMC (page 235) in the Courses of Instruction section.