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DEGREE OFFERED: BA

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 BA IN ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN CIVILIZATIONS

Students must take one course from three of the five following categories: 1) Graeco-Roman Civilization, 2) Islamic Civilization, 3) Jewish Civilization, 4) Christian Civilization, and 5) Archaeological Methods & Theory. In addition, students must take one course that addresses the creation, transmission, and reception of traditions in the Mediterranean world. Courses that meet this requirement are designated as "Themes Across Time."

Students must also fulfill a comparative requirement by taking either one course that, in and of itself, treats two different cultural traditions (designated "Comparative") or two separate courses on similar themes but from different cultures (e.g. Women in Greece & Rome, Women in the Islamic World). Although not required, courses in ancient languages are recommended. A minimum of five courses must be taken at the 300 level or above.

For general university requirements, see the Graduation Requirements in this publication. Majors in Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations must complete at least thirty (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.

Please note that not all courses listed below will be offered during the academic year. For a current list of AMC courses that will be offered in fall 2004 and spring 2005, please visit the AMC web site at <http://amc.rice.edu>.

Core Courses

AMC 200 *Origins of Western Civilizations: Athens, Rome, and Jerusalem*

CLAS 207 *Greek Civilization: From Homer to Alexander the Great*

CLAS 208 *Roman Civilization*

Graeco-Roman Civilization

AMC 200 *Origins of Western Civilizations: Athens, Rome, and Jerusalem*

ANTH 325 *Self, Sex, and Society in Ancient Greece*

ANTH 363 *Early Civilizations*

CLAS 101 *Freshman Seminar: Socrates: The Man and His Philosophy*

CLAS 207 *Greek Civilization: From Homer to Alexander the Great*

CLAS 208 *Roman Civilization*

CLAS 209 *Greek and Roman Drama*

CLAS 220 *The Novel in Classical Antiquity*

CLAS 222 *Perspectives on Greek Tragedy*

CLAS 225 *Women in Greece and Rome*

CLAS 311 *Text as Property*

CLAS 312 *Greek Art and Architecture*

CLAS 315 *Roman Art and Architecture*

CLAS 316 *Democracy and Political Theory in Ancient Greece*

CLAS 318 *The Invention of Paganism in the Roman Empire*

CLAS 335 *Classical Mythology*

CLAS 336 *The Origin of the Languages*

CLAS 337 *Epic and Novel*

CLAS 351 *Epic and Saga*

GREE 101 *Introduction to Ancient Greek I*

GREE 102 *Introduction to Ancient Greek II*

GREE 201 *Intermediate Greek I: Prose*

GREE 202 *Intermediate Greek II*

GREE 301 *Advanced Greek I*

HART 204 *Art as Civilization*

HART 218 *Special Topics: Ancient Greek Sites*

HART 219 *Independent Study: Ancient Art*

HART 228 *Special Topics: Christian, Byzantine, and Islamic Art*

HART 229 *Independent Study: Christian, Byzantine, and Islamic Art*

HART 310 *The First Civilizations*

HART 311 *Theme of Fertility*

HART 312 *Greek Art and Architecture*

HART 313 *Discovery of the Mind*

HART 315 *Roman Art and Architecture*

HART 320 *Age of Augustus*

HART 417 *Buried Cities: The Art and Architecture of Akrotiri, Pompeii, and Herculaneum*

HART 428 *Special Topics: Early Christian, Byzantine, and Islamic Art*

HART 429 *Independent Study: Early Christian, Byzantine, and Islamic Art*

HIST 113 *God, Time and History*

HIST 151 *Freshman Seminar: The Hero and His Companion from Gilgamesh to Sam Spade*

HIST 200 *Origins of Western Civilizations: Athens, Rome, and Jerusalem*

HIST 207 *Greek Civilization: From Homer to Alexander the Great*

HIST 262 *Rome: City and Empire*

HIST 289 *Greek and Latin Readings*

HIST 307 *Imperial Rome from Caesar to Diocletian*

HIST 308 *The World of Late Antiquity*

HIST 460 *Advanced Seminar in Ancient History*

LATI 101 *Elementary Latin I*

LATI 102 *Elementary Latin II*

LATI 201 *Intermediate Latin I: Prose*

LATI 202 *Intermediate Latin II*

LATI 301 *Advanced Latin I: Literature of Exile in the Roman Tradition*

LATI 302 *Advanced Latin: Roman Epic*
 LATI 303 *Advanced Latin: Plautus and Terence*
 LATI 310 *Advanced Latin: Virgil*
 LATI 311 *Latin Pastoral Poetry*
 LATI 312 *Advanced Latin: Ovid*
 LATI 313 *Cicero and Catullus: Literature and Society in the Roman Republic*

Islamic Civilization

HIST 281 *Pre-Modern Middle East History: The Middle East from the Prophet Mubammad to Mubammad Ali*
 RELI 141 *Introduction to Islam*
 RELI 221 *The Life of the Prophet Mubammad*
 RELI 350 *Scriptures in Monotheistic Faiths*
 RELI 354 *Asian Apocalyptic Movements*
 RELI 441 *Popular Religion in the Middle East*

Jewish Civilization

RELI 209 *Introduction to Judaism*
 RELI 210 *Ethics in Judaism*
 RELI 350 *Scriptures in Monotheistic Faiths*

Christian Civilization

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 Hebrew III*
 RELI 128 *Intermediate Biblical Hebrew Hebrew IV*
 RELI 200 *The Bible in Western Tradition*
 RELI 223 *Qu'ran and Commentary*
 RELI 282 *Introduction to Christianity*

RELI 309 *Gospel and Tradition*
 RELI 350 *Scriptures in Monotheistic Faiths*
 RELI 354 *Asian Apocalyptic Movements*
 RELI 383 *The Dead Sea Scrolls*
 RELI 410 *Apocalypse Then and Now*

Archaeological Methods and Theory

ANTH 203 *Human Antiquity: An Introduction to Physical Anthropology and Prehistory*
 ANTH 205 *Introduction to Archaeology*
 ANTH 345 *The Politics of the Past: Archaeology in Social Context*
 ANTH 362 *Archaeological Field Techniques*
 ANTH 363 *Early Civilizations*
 ANTH 425 *Advanced Topics in Archaeology*
 ANTH 460 *Advanced Archaeological Theory*

Themes Across Time

AMC 200 *Origins of Western Civilizations*
 ANTH 363 *Early Civilizations*
 HART 310 *The First Civilizations*

Comparative

CLAS 225 *Women in Greece and Rome*

Other Courses

HART 101 *Introduction to the History of Western Art: Prehistoric to Gothic*
 PHIL 201 *History of Philosophy I*
 PHIL 301 *Ancient and Medieval Philosophy*
 PHIL 307 *Social and Political Philosophy*
 PHIL 327 *History of Social and Political Philosophy*
 PHIL 501 *Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy*

See AMC in the Courses of Instruction section.