ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN CIVILIZATIONS

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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. Our 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 1 course from 3 of the 5 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 1 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 also must fulfill a comparative requirement by taking either 1 course that, in and of itself, treats 2 different cultural traditions (designated “Comparative”) or 2 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 5 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 30 semester hours (10 courses). Students 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 2007 and spring 2008, please visit the AMC website at amc.rice.edu.

**Graeco-Roman Civilization**

ANTH 321 Text as Property, Property as Text: Across the Ages
ANTH 325 Sex, Self, and Society in Ancient Greece
ANTH 363 Early Civilizations
CLAS 101 Socrates: The Man and His Philosophy
CLAS 107 Greek Civilization and Its Legacy
CLAS 108 Roman Civilization and Its Legacy
CLAS 209 Greek and Roman Drama
CLAS 220 The Novel in Classical Antiquity
CLAS 225 Women in Greece and Rome
CLAS 235 Classical Mythology: Interpretation, Origins, and Influence
CLAS 311 Text as Property, Property as Text: Across the Ages
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 320 The Age of Augustus
CLAS 336 The Origin of the Languages of Europe
CLAS 337 Epic and Novel
ENGL 335 Epic and Novel
FSEM 101 Socrates: The Man and His Philosophy
FSEM 151 The Hero and His Companion from Gilgamesh to Sam Spade
GREE 101 Introduction to Ancient Greek I
GREE 102 Elementary Greek II
GREE 201 Intermediate Greek I: Prose
GREE 202 Intermediate Greek II: Prose
GREE 301 Advanced Greek
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 312 Greek Art and Architecture
HART 315 Roman Art and Architecture
HART 320 The 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 The Hero and His Companion from Gilgamesh to Spiderman
HIST 200 Origins of Western Civilizations: Ancient Empires
HIST 202 Introduction to Medieval Civilization: The Early Middle Ages
HIST 223 Empires and Communities in the Middle Ages
HIST 257 Jews and Christians in Medieval Europe
HIST 262 Rome: City and Empire
HIST 307 Imperial Rome from Caesar to Diocletian
HIST 308 The World of Late Antiquity
HIST 316 The Invention of Paganism in the Roman Empire
HIST 323 Empires and Communities in the Middle Ages
HIST 357 Jews and Christians in Medieval Europe
HIST 358 European Intellectual History from Augustine to Descartes
HIST 382 Classical Islamic Cultures
HIST 437  Christians and Jews in the Medieval Islamic World
HIST 438  Women and Gender in the Medieval Islamic Societies
HIST 460  Advanced Seminar in Ancient History
HUMA 109  Greek Civilization and Its Legacy
HUMA 113  God, Time, and 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: Literature of Exile in the Roman Tradition
LATI 302  Advanced Latin: Roman Epic
LATI 303  Advanced Latin: Plautus and Terence
LATI 311  Latin Pastoral Poetry
LATI 312  Advanced Latin: Ovid
LATI 313  Cicero and Catullus: Literature and Society in the Roman Republic
MDST 101  Elementary Latin I
MDST 102  Elementary Latin II
MDST 202  Introduction to Medieval Civilization: The Early Middle Ages
MDST 211  Intermediate Latin I: Prose
MDST 212  Intermediate Latin II
MDST 223  Empires and Communities in the Middle Ages
MDST 257  Jews and Christians in Medieval Europe
MDST 308  The World of Late Antiquity
MDST 357  Jews and Christians in Medieval Europe
MDST 358  European Intellectual History from Augustine to Descartes
MDST 382  Classical Islamic Cultures
MDST 385  Christians and Jews in the Medieval Islamic World
MDST 438  Women and Gender in the Medieval Islamic Societies
MDST 460  Advanced Seminar in Ancient History
RELI 123  God, Time, and History
RELI 316  The Invention of Paganism in the Roman Empire
WGST 225  Women in Greece and Rome
WGST 332  Sex, Self, and Society in Ancient Greece
WGST 455  Women and Gender in the Medieval Islamic Societies

Islamic Civilization
ASIA 221  The Life of the Prophet Muhammad
ASIA 441  Popular Religion in the Middle East
HIST 382  Classical Islamic Cultures
HIST 437  Christians and Jews in the Medieval Islamic World
HIST 438  Women and Gender in the Medieval Islamic Societies
MDST 382  Classical Islamic Cultures
MDST 385  Christians and Jews in the Medieval Islamic World
MDST 438  Women and Gender in the Medieval Islamic Societies
RELI 141  Introduction to Islam
RELI 221  The Life of the Prophet Muhammad
RELI 223  Qur’an and Commentary
RELI 350  Sacred Scriptures in Monotheistic Faiths
WGST 455  Women and Gender in the Medieval Islamic Societies

Jewish Civilization
HIST 113  God, Time, and History
HUMA 113  God, Time, and History
RELI 122  The Bible and Its Interpreters
RELI 125  God, Time, and History
RELI 126  Introduction to Biblical Hebrew II
RELI 127  Intermediate Biblical Hebrew I
RELI 128  Intermediate Biblical Hebrew II
RELI 209  Introduction to Judaism
RELI 210  Ethics in Judaism
RELI 350  Sacred Scriptures in Monotheistic Faiths
RELI 383  The Dead Sea Scrolls

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 I
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RELI 128 Intermediate Biblical Hebrew II
RELI 223 Qur'an and Commentary
RELI 243 The Book of Genesis
RELI 282 Introduction to Christianity
RELI 350 Sacred Scriptures in Monotheistic Faiths
RELI 381 The Messiah
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
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CLAS 311 Text as Property, Property as Text: Across the Ages
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HART 101 Introduction to the History of Western Art: Prehistoric to Gothic
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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
RELI 125 God, Time, and History

Comparative
CLAS 209 Greek and Roman Drama
CLAS 225 Women in Greece and Rome
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MDST 357 Jews and Christians in Medieval Europe
MDST 385 Christians and Jews in the Medieval Islamic World
MDST 438 Women and Gender in the Medieval Islamic Societies
PHIL 501 Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
WGST 225 Women in Greece and Rome
WGST 455 Women and Gender in the Medieval Islamic Societies