

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
History of the Ancient Mediterranean World
History 3050
CRN 82291
Fall 2009
Prerequisite: At least a C in HIST 1111

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This course will trace the rise and fall of civilization in the Near East and Mediterranean beginning with the dawn of recorded history to 600 A.D. We will cover the civilizations of: Mesopotamia, Israel, Egypt, Greece, Rome and Byzantium. In addition to learning about the history of the Ancient World, this course will focus on familiarizing students with primary sources of this period and honing their analytical and critical skills. By the end of the course the successful student will be expected to:

1. Understand and be able to relate the basic organization, histories and achievements of each civilization as well as the circumstances of its rise and fall.
2. Be able to read and understand the primary sources.
3. Write concisely and discourse precisely on the sources.

Books required:

Robin W. Winks and Susan P. Mattern-Parkes, The Ancient Mediterranean World: from the Stone Age to A.D. 600 (New York: Oxford University Press, 2004).

Other readings will be posted periodically at www.carolmelton.com

Papers:

Students are required to turn in ten 2 page typed double spaced papers during the course of the semester. See the attached schedule. These papers must be turned in at the beginning of class – late submissions will not be accepted. I suggest that you bring two printed copies to class, one to turn in and one to use as an aide memoir for class discussion.

Examinations :

There will be two examinations in this class a mid-term and a final. Both are mandatory. No make-ups will be given, without a compelling and documentable reason for missing the original examination.

Grade distribution:

Papers 50% (5 points each)

Midterm exam. 25%

Final exam. 25%

Grading Scale

A 90-100

B 80-89

C 70-79

D 60-69

F 59 and below

Students are responsible for obtaining class assignments and keeping up with the content posted on the website.

Attendance is required. Each student will be allotted 3 discretionary absences during the semester. These do not include scheduled examination days. Any student who misses more than 3 days will suffer the reduction of one letter grade on the final grade. The professor endeavors to begin class punctually. If a student is not in his seat at the beginning of class he will be counted as tardy. Two tardies equal one absence. If you anticipate being late to class due to scheduling or some other reason please notify the professor in advance.

Informed class participation is expected and encouraged and can only result in the improvement of a student's grade.

Academic Misconduct:

As a Macon State student and a student in this class, you are responsible for reading, understanding and abiding by the MSC Code of Conduct. The code is included in the Macon State Handbook and is available at <http://maconstate.edu/studentlife/studenthandbook.pdf>. Any student who plagiarizes or cheats on an examination will receive a failing grade in the class and be turned over to the Dean of Students.

Disability Accommodations :

Students seeking academic accommodations for a special need must contact the MSC Counseling and Career Center at 471-2114.

Please feel free to seek me out if you have any problems or concerns about the class.