
**ARKY 325 (LEC01)
Ancient Civilizations
GFC Hours 3-0
Fall 2023**

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Prerequisite(s): None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The rise and achievements of the earliest civilizations in both the Old and New Worlds. Emphasis will be placed on the civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China, Mesoamerica, and the Andes.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The Department of Anthropology and Archaeology is committed to student knowledge and skill development.

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Understand and identify ancient civilizations from several world regions.
- Explain the role of agriculture, economy, and socio-political authority in the emergence of ancient civilizations.
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of methods and theoretical approaches to study ancient civilizations.

READINGS AND TEXTBOOKS:

- **Required Text:** Scarre, Chris, Brian Fagan, and Charles Golden. 2021. **Ancient Civilizations** (5th edition). Routledge, New York.
- Links to additional recommended materials and a complete reading list will be provided on the D2L course page.

REQUIRED TECHNOLOGY and EQUIPMENT:

In order to successfully engage in their learning experiences at the University of Calgary, students are required to have access to the following technology:

- A computer with a supported operating system and broadband internet connection to access the Desire2Learn (D2L) course page.
- A current and updated web browser and word processor.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSESSMENT

- Two midterm exams, worth 25% each, total 50%
- One exam on the final day of class, worth 15%
- Five bi-weekly online quizzes, worth 7% each, total 35%

***There is no Registrar-Scheduled Final Exam for this course**

1) Midterm Exams: (Oct. 2; Nov. 3) 25% Each; 50% of Final Grade

The class will feature two in-person midterm exams, combined for 50% of the final grade. The exams will be held during regular class time and consist of multiple-choice questions. The closed-book exams will cover ALL materials from the textbook, lectures, and any additional readings. Exams are non-cumulative. Midterm 1 (Oct. 2) will cover *Ancient Civilizations* Chapters 1-4. Midterm 2 (Nov. 3) will include information from *Ancient Civilizations* Chapters 5-8 and 11. Study guides will be uploaded to D2L prior to midterm dates.

2) Final Exam: (Dec. 6) 15% of Final Grade

One in-person exam, worth 15% of the final grade, will be given during the last class meeting on Dec. 6. The non-cumulative closed-book exam, consisting of multiple-choice questions, will cover information from *Ancient Civilizations* (Chapters 14, 16-18) and related lecture material. A study guide will be uploaded to D2L prior to the final exam.

3) Bi-weekly Online Quizzes: 7% Each, 35% of Final Grade

Five bi-weekly online quizzes will be posted to the D2L course page beginning on Sept. 15. Quizzes will be delivered through D2L and available for one week prior to the due date. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Exams may only be deferred in the case of serious illness or medical emergency, religious observance, or domestic affliction (see: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-final-exams>). Missed examinations/tests cannot be made up without the approval of the instructor. Students who miss a test/exam have up to **48 hours** to contact the instructor to ask for a makeup test/exam. It is at the instructor's discretion if they will allow a make-up exam.

Students who do not schedule a makeup test/exam with the instructor within this 48-hour period forfeit the right to a makeup test/exam and will receive a mark of zero on the exam or assignment. At the instructor's discretion, a makeup test/exam may differ significantly (in form and/or content) from a regularly scheduled test/exam, including potential essay format. Once approved by the instructor a makeup test/exam must be written within two weeks of the missed test/exam on a day/time scheduled by the instructor/TA.

Students may be asked to provide supporting documentation for an exemption/special request. This may include, but is not limited to, a prolonged absence from a course where participation is required, a missed course assessment, a deferred examination, or an appeal. Students are encouraged to submit documentation that will support their situation. Supporting documentation may be dependent on the reason noted in their personal statement/explanation provided to explain their situation. This could be medical certificate/documentation, references, police reports, invitation letter, or a statutory declaration, etc. The decision to provide supporting documentation that best suits the situation is at the discretion of the student. Students cannot be required to provide specific supporting documentation, such as a medical note. Falsification of any supporting documentation will be taken very seriously and may result in disciplinary action through the Academic Discipline regulations or the Student Non-Academic Misconduct policy.

NOTE: Should a request to defer term work exceed the end of the term, a Deferral of Term Work form must be completed and submitted to the Office of the Registrar. The deferral will be recorded on the student record. Deferrals are granted at the discretion of the Dean or designate and are normally granted for 30 days beyond the last day of the term. Should circumstances warrant, the maximum time that may be granted for a deferral of term work is one additional term. Approved extensions must be sent to the Office of the Registrar. Application information is available at: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/student-centre/student-forms>

Reappraisal of Graded Term Work: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-2.html>

Reappraisal of Final Grade: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-3.html>

Department of Anthropology and Archaeology Grading Scheme:

A+	95 – 100%	B+	80 – 84.9%	C+	67 – 70.9%	D+	55 – 58.9%
A	90 – 94.9%	B	75 – 79.9%	C	63 – 66.9%	D	50 – 54.9%
A-	85 – 89.9%	B-	71 – 74.9%	C-	59 – 62.9%	F	< 50%

*****Please note that no extra credit or 'make up' work is available in this class*****
You do not need to pass each course component to earn a passing grade in the class

Land Acknowledgement

The University of Calgary, located in the heart of Southern Alberta, both acknowledges and pays tribute to the traditional territories of the peoples of Treaty 7, which include the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprised of the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai First Nations), the Tsuut'ina

First Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (including Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney First Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3.

Acknowledgment and Respect for Diversity

The Department of Anthropology and Archaeology views diversity of identity as a strength and resource. Your experiences and different perspectives are encouraged and add to a rich learning environment that fosters critical thought through respectful discussion and inclusion.

COURSE POLICIES

Desire2Learn (D2L):

All course materials and information, as well as unofficial grades, will be posted on D2L. Posted materials are meant to enhance lectures and augment your handwritten notes, not replace them. Class attendance is highly recommended.

Email Policy:

Please use your U of C email address (username@ucalgary.ca) in all communications and put the course number (ARKY 325) in the subject line. Email communications should always be in a professional manner using your first and last name. You can usually expect a reply to your email within 48 hours. Students are encouraged to attend office hours and communicate questions directly following class time when possible.

Cell Phone and Laptop/Tablet Policy:

Cell phones must be kept on silent during class lectures. The use of laptops and tablets is restricted to note taking.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit <https://live-ucalgary.ucalgary.ca/student-services/access>. Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor or the Department Head. The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Accommodation-Policy.pdf>

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Academic integrity is the foundation of the development and acquisition of knowledge and is based on values of honesty, trust, responsibility, and respect. We expect members of our community to act with integrity. The University Calendar includes a statement on the principles of conduct expected of all members of the university community (including students, faculty, administrators, any category of staff, practicum supervisors, and volunteers), whether on or off

university property. This statement applies in all situations where members of the university community are acting in their university capacities. All members of the university community have a responsibility to familiarize themselves with the principles of conduct statement, which is available at: www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

The University of Calgary is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. Students are expected to be familiar with these standards regarding academic honesty and to uphold the policies of the University in this respect.

Academic dishonesty is not an acceptable activity at the University of Calgary, and students are **strongly advised** to read the Student Misconduct section in the University Calendar at: www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-3.html. Often, students are unaware of what constitutes academic dishonesty or plagiarism. The most common are (1) presenting another student's work as your own, (2) presenting an author's work or ideas as your own without adequate citation, and (3) using work completed for another course. Such activities will not be tolerated in this course, and students suspected of academic misconduct will be dealt with according to the procedures outlined in the calendar at: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/student-academic-misconduct-procedure>

For students wishing to know more about what constitutes plagiarism and how to properly cite the work of others, the Department of Geography recommends that they attend Academic Integrity workshops offered through the Student Success Centre: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity>

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students' assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary.

COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION

All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright (<https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies->

[procedures/acceptable-use-material-protected-copyright-policy](#)) and requirements of the copyright act (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html>) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorized sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks, etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy.

SUPPORTS FOR STUDENT LEARNING, SUCCESS, AND SAFETY

Please visit the Registrar's website at: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines> for additional important information on the following:

- Wellness and Mental Health Resources
- Student Success Centre
- Student Ombuds Office
- Student Union (SU) Information
- Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Information
- Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points
- Safewalk

TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE

*Please note that class schedule is **tentative** and subject to change. Topics may vary depending on the pace of the class, but exam and quiz schedules remain fixed.

Date	Topics, Readings, Activity & Due Date
W Sep 6	Introduction: Approaches to Studying Ancient Civilizations Readings: Chapter 1
F Sep 8	Theories of State Readings: Chapter 2
M Sep 11	Ancient Mesopotamia Readings: Chapter 3
W Sep 13	Ancient Mesopotamia (Continues)
F Sep 15	Ancient Mesopotamia (Continues) Online Quiz 1 Posted (5% of Final Grade) Due Date: Sep 22nd 11:59 pm
M Sep 18	Ancient Mesopotamia (Continues)
W Sep 20	Ancient Mesopotamia (Continues)
F Sep 22	Ancient Mesopotamia (Continues)

Date	Topics, Readings, Activity & Due Date
M Sep 25	Ancient Egypt Readings: Chapter 4
W Sep 27	Ancient Egypt (Continues)
F Sep 29	Ancient Egypt (Continues) Online Quiz 2 Posted (5% of Final Grade) Due Date: Oct 6th 11:59 pm
M Oct 2	Midterm 1 (25% of Final Grade)
W Oct 4	Indus Valley Civilization Readings: Chapter 5
F Oct 6	Indus Valley Civilization (Continues)
M Oct 9	Thanksgiving Day, No Classes
W Oct 11	Indus Valley Civilization (Continues)
F Oct 13	Ancient China Readings: Chapter 6 Online Quiz 3 Posted (5% of Final Grade) Due Date: Oct 20th 11:59 pm
M Oct 16	Ancient China (Continues)
W Oct 18	Ancient China (Continues)
F Oct 20	Near East Readings: Chapters 7 & 8
M Oct 23	Near East (Continues)
W Oct 25	Near East (Continues)
F Oct 27	Imperial Rome Readings: Chapter 11 Online Quiz 4 Posted (5% of Final Grade) Due Date: Nov 3rd 11:59 pm
M Oct 30	Imperial Rome (Continues)
W Nov 1	Imperial Rome (Continues)
F Nov 3	Midterm 2 (25% of Final Grade)
M Nov 6	Southeast Asia Readings: Chapter 14

Date	Topics, Readings, Activity & Due Date
W Nov 8	Southeast Asia (Continues)
F Nov 10	Southeast Asia (Continues) Online Quiz 5 Posted (5% of Final Grade) Due Date: Nov 22nd 11:59 pm
Nov 12-18	Term Break, No Classes
M Nov 20	Mesoamerica Readings: Chapters 16 and 17
W Nov 22	Mesoamerica (Continues)
F Nov 24	Mesoamerica (Continues)
M Nov 27	Mesoamerica (Continues)
W Nov 29	Andean Civilization Readings: Chapters 17 and 18
F Dec 1	Andean Civilization (Continues)
M Dec 4	Andean Civilization (Continues)
W Dec 6	Final Exam (15% of Final Grade)

IMPORTANT DATES

M Sept 4	Labour Day, No Classes
T Sept 5	Start of Classes
R Sept 14	Last day to drop a class without a financial penalty
F Sept 15	Last day to add or swap a course
F Sept 22	Fee payment deadline for Fall Term full and half courses.
S Sept 30	National Truth and Reconciliation Day
M Oct 9	Thanksgiving Day, No Classes.
M Nov 13	Remembrance Day Observance
Nov 12-18	Reading Break. No classes.
W Dec 6	Fall Term Lectures End. Last day to withdraw with permission from Fall Term half courses.
Dec 9-20	Fall Final Exam Period.
Dec 25-31	Holiday Observance, University Closed.

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