

**ARKY 325 (LEC01)
ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS
GFC Hours 3-0**

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Lecture Location: ST 141

**Lecture
Days/Time:** MW
12:00pm -14:45pm

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Office Hours: Wednesday 10:30-11:30am

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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:

- Demonstrate a basic understanding of theoretical approaches to study ancient civilizations.
- Understand, and identify the basic classes of material evidence that facilitate interpretation of the ancient civilizations.
- Explain the role of agriculture, economy, and socio-political authority in the emergence of ancient civilizations.
- Enhance skills in critical thinking and writing.

READINGS AND TEXTBOOKS:

- **There is no assigned textbook for this course.** However, a reading list will be provided on D2L to augment the lectures and written assignments. The readings need not be completed prior to their corresponding lecture, but they must be read prior to the exam.

REQUIRED TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT:

- A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates
- A current and updated web browser
- Broadband internet connection

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSESSMENT

Test and Assignments	Date	% of Total Grade
Online Quizzes	Weekly	20%
Midterm I (in class)	July 12 th	20%
Documentary Film Review	July 24 th	10%
Reflection Essay	August 7 th	10%
Registrar-Scheduled Final Exam	TBA	40%

Exam Format: MIDTERM AND FINAL EXAMS ARE CLOSED BOOK.

Online Quizzes: The quizzes are open book and will be available on D2L from Wednesdays at 5 pm and due on Fridays at 11:59 pm. You will have one opportunity to retake any missed quizzes. Further details will be posted on D2L.

Midterm 1: Multiple-choice exam and will cover ALL material from lectures, quizzes, and films.

Registrar-Scheduled Final Exam: Final is **cumulative multiple-choice** exam, covering ALL resources from lectures, readings, films, and quizzes.

Documentary Film Review: To complete this assignment, you must watch a documentary film and write a critique that's around 750 words. The assignment will be graded based on your thesis statement, organization, clarity, reflexivity, and choice of examples. Further details of the documentary film critical review, including the grading rubrics, will be posted on D2L.

Reflection Essay: You are required to write a reflection essay about what you learned in the course. The reflection essay should not exceed two pages and must be double-spaced. The assignment will be graded based on content (thesis statement and choice of detailed examples),

quality of presentation (clarity and organization), creativity, and reflexivity. More information about the reflection essay, including the grading rubrics, will be posted on D2L.

Deferral Request:

Missed examinations/tests cannot be made up without the approval of the instructor. 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>).

Students who miss a test/exam have up to **48 hours** to contact the instructor to ask for a makeup test/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. Makeup tests/exams may differ significantly (in form and/or content) from the regularly scheduled test/exam. Once approved by the instructor a makeup test/exam must be written within **7 days** of the missed test/exam on a day/time scheduled by the instructor.

For Written Assignments: Late assignments will be **penalized 5% per day**, including holidays and weekends. After 5 days, the assignment will receive a grade of zero. **All assignments must be submitted to the Dropbox on D2L.**

Regarding Documentation:

Students may 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. The decision to provide supporting documentation that best suits the situation is at the discretion of the student. Students cannot be required to provide supporting documentation. 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.

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>

Deferral of the registrar-scheduled final exam requires Registrar approval
<https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-final-exams>

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 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

Students are expected to attend in-person class regularly and to be fully present and engaged in class discussions.

- **All communications must be through @ucalgary email. I will respond within 24 hours. Please include course title (AR KY 325) in the subject heading.**
- **Class attendance is strongly recommended.**
- **Try to arrive on time to prevent disruption to the class.** If you are late, please take a seat near the door to minimize disruption.
- **Leaving class during the lecture can be disruptive and is strongly discouraged.** If you know you have to leave early one day, please let me know and sit near a door.
- **Please refrain from conversing with classmates during lectures.** Talking between students during class is unfair to your classmates who may miss lecture material that will subsequently appear on exams. If you are discussing lecture material, please raise your hand to share the comment or question as that will benefit the whole class. Relevant interruptions are always welcome! You may also email questions, which I will answer in the next class.

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/university-policies-procedures/accommodation-students-disabilities-procedure>.

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>

INSTRUCTOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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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

Dates for topics may vary depending on the pace of the class, but the exam, quiz and assignment schedules remain fixed.

Date	Topic	Activity	Assignment /Quiz Due
M Jun 26	<i>Course Introduction</i> <i>Approaches to study Ancient Civilizations</i> <i>Theories of State</i>		
W Jun 28	<i>Theories of State (Continues)</i> <i>Rise of Civilization in Near East</i> <i>Neolithic Mesopotamia</i>	<u>Online Quiz 1</u> Posted at 5 pm (5% of the final grade)	
			Friday: June 30th Quiz 1 Due at 11:59pm
M Jul 3	Observance Day for July 1st (university closed) NO CLASS		
W Jul 5	<i>Ancient Mesopotamia</i>	<u>Online Quiz 2</u> Posted at 5 pm (5% of the final grade)	
			Friday: July 7th Quiz 2 Due at 11:59pm
M Jul 10	<i>Ancient Mesopotamia</i> <i>(Sumerian Civilization)</i>		
W Jul 12	<u>Midterm 1</u> (20% of the final grade) In-class <i>Pre-dynastic Egypt</i> <i>Origins of Ancient Egyptian Kingship</i>	<u>Online Quiz 3</u> Posted at 5 pm (5% of the final grade)	
			Friday: July 14th Quiz 3 Due at 11:59pm
M Jul 17	<i>Pharaonic Egyptian Period</i>		
W Jul 19	<i>Ancient China</i>	Documentary Film Review	

		Topic Posted in D2L at 8 am (10% of the final grade)	
M Jul 24	<i>Beginnings of Civilization in South Asia Neolithic Period</i>		
			Monday: July 24th Documentary Film Review Due at 11:59pm
W Jul 26	<i>Indus Valley Civilization</i>	<u>Online Quiz 4</u> Posted at 5 pm (5% of the final grade)	
			Friday: July 28th Quiz 4 Due at 11:59pm
M Jul 31	<i>Mesoamerica (Maya Civilization)</i>		
W Aug 2	<i>Andean Civilization (Inca Civilization)</i>		
M Aug 7	Alberta Heritage Day (university closed) NO CLASS		Monday: August 7th Final Reflection Paper Due at 11:59pm
T Aug 8	Last Day of Classes		
Aug 10-14	Summer Final Exam Period		TBA

IMPORTANT DATES

M Jun 26	First day of Summer Term lectures.
F Jun 30	Last day to drop a class without a financial penalty.
F Jun 30	Last day to add or swap a course.
W Jul 5	Fee payment deadline for Summer Term full and half courses.
S Jul 1	Canada Day, Observed M Jul 3 University closed. No classes.
M Aug 7	Alberta Heritage Day University closed. No classes.
T Aug 8	Summer Term Lectures End. Last day to withdraw with permission from Summer Term courses.
Aug 10-14	Summer Final Exam Period.