

## 670-343 Before Babylon: Ascent to Civilisation

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.500
<b>Level:</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	This subject is not offered in 2008.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Total Time Commitment: Not available
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	None
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	<p>&lt;p&gt;For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.&lt;/p&gt;         &lt;p&gt;It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: &lt;a href="http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability"&gt;http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;</p>
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Prof A Sagona
<b>Subject Overview:</b>	<p>This subject aims to introduce students to the archaeology and literature of Western Asia, also referred to as the "ancient Near East", and "The Cradle of Civilization". The cultural achievements of peoples in this region were profoundly significant and include: the invention of various writing systems; the earliest literature; the first farmers and villages; rich and diverse mythologies; and the earliest cities and empires. On completion of the subject students should have acquired knowledge of the social, political and cultural development of ancient Western Asia from about 10,000 to 330 BC; should have an understanding of Near Eastern frame of mind through an examination of texts and archaeological remains.</p>
<b>Assessment:</b>	A 2500-word essay 60% (due during the semester), and a 1500 word take-home exam 40% (due in the examination period).
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Prescribed Texts:A subject reader will be available
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># be skilled in critical thinking and analysis;</li> <li># possess effective written communication skills;</li> <li># have an understanding of social, ethical and cultural context.</li> </ul>