

ANCW10001 Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	1 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2013.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Two 1-hour lectures per week for 12 weeks and eleven 1-hour tutorials scheduled across the semester Total Time Commitment: Total expected time commitment is eight hours per week including class time.
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	This subject will introduce students to the archaeology, history, and literature of the earliest civilisations - one situated in the Nile Valley (Pharaonic Egypt), and the other in the plains of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers (Mesopotamia – modern Iraq and Syria). Neighbouring cultures in Greece, Persia, and Turkey will also be introduced. These vastly different, but interconnected societies, have stirred our imaginations for millennia, inspiring those who have shaped history, including Alexander the Great and Napoleon. They will be compared in terms of their monuments, art, mythology, epic narratives, languages, history and social institutions. Their highly visible legacy, uncovered by generations of archaeologists and historians, will also be examined to define further the processes that developed these complex societies.
Objectives:	Students who successfully complete this subject should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # be familiar with the development of ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern civilisations. # understand the role of ancient Egypt and the East in modern History. # be able to undertake academic research and writing, analyse problems, and enhance their communication skills.
Assessment:	Written work totalling 4000 words comprising two 1000 word research essays 25% each (one due mid-semester and one due at the end of semester), a reflective essay/take-home exam of 2000 words 40% (distributed at the end of semester) and tutorial participation 10% (throughout the semester). Hurdle Requirements: students must attend a minimum of 75% of tutorials in order to pass this subject. Assessment submitted late without an approved extension will be penalised at 10% per day. After five working days late assessment will not be marked. In-class tasks missed without approval will not be marked. All pieces of written work must be submitted to pass this subject
Prescribed Texts:	First Civilizations: Ancient Mesopotamia and Ancient Egypt (R Chadwick), London: Equinox (2nd Edition) Subject readings will be available on line

Breadth Options:	<p>This subject potentially can be taken as a breadth subject component for the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Bachelor of Biomedicine (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2013/B-BMED) # Bachelor of Commerce (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2013/B-COM) # Bachelor of Environments (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2013/B-ENVS) # Bachelor of Music (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2013/B-MUS) # Bachelor of Science (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2013/B-SCI) # Bachelor of Engineering (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2013/B-ENG) <p>You should visit learn more about breadth subjects (http://breadth.unimelb.edu.au/breadth/info/index.html) and read the breadth requirements for your degree, and should discuss your choice with your student adviser, before deciding on your subjects.</p>
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # be skilled in critical thinking and analysis. # possess effective written communication skills. # have an understanding of social, ethical and cultural context.
Links to further information:	http://classics-archaeology.unimelb.edu.au/
Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:	<p>Ancient World Studies Ancient, Medieval and Early Modern Studies Major Classical Studies and Archaeology Classical Studies and Archaeology</p>
Related Breadth Track(s):	<p>Archaeology Ancient Civilizations A Ancient Egypt and the Near East</p>