



Civilizations of the Ancient World

Spring 2024



This course explores the civilizations of the ancient Mediterranean world, including the complex balance between the individual and the community, the countless ways the ancient societies understood their gods, and more.

- Watch the Quick Welcome & Orientation Video (4:21) on the course web page.



Announcements and updates will be posted on the Announcements page.



Three books are required for this course.



Our class meetings are twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

- These meetings are in person in Carman Hall room 209.
- Students are expected to come to each class having done the readings listed on the Schedule page.



Your grade for this course will come from:

- weekly quizzes at the start of some class meetings;
- three short essays;
- and two exams (a midterm and a final).

Students can monitor their progress on the My Grades page.



The website is the syllabus for this course. Participation in this course includes adherence to the policies and expectations in this syllabus, including rules on assignments and attendance, academic integrity, and essay format and structure.



Helpful resources here on this site include: lots of maps and timelines; quiz notes; guidance on citations and sources; lecture and assignment videos; slides for each class meeting; a step-by-step guide to writing a position paper; an index of ancient texts online; Word and Google Docs essay templates; image galleries related to ancient Mediterranean civilizations; and more.

- Most pages have PDF versions—look for the printer icon at the top right of any page. If you want a PDF version of the full syllabus to reference or print, click here or go to the Print/PDF page.
- There's also a site map to help you find what you need.



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- Or come to my office hours, which are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 to 5:45 in Carman Hall room 292.