

ANTH/CLAS/NES 400-500 TOPICS IN EGYPTOLOGY

Interconnections between Ancient Egypt and the Levant
SPRING 2012 Syllabus - University of Arizona

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Course Description

This course will examine chronologically the interconnections between Ancient Egypt and the Levant, the coastal region of the eastern Mediterranean and Near East. The aim is to study the range of evidence and how it informs on the nature of contact between these two areas. The interaction between Egypt and the Levant will be discussed in the context of political events and cultural factors in both regions. Further, the complex relationship between politics and trade throughout the history of this area will be highlighted.

Prerequisites: None.

Course Grades: Letter grades for the course are assigned as follows: A (100-90%), B (89-80%), C (79-70%), D (69-60%), E (below 60%). They will be based on:

Examinations (275 points = 55% of grade)

There will be three non-cumulative in-semester tests. No make-up exams will be written or scheduled for students who do not take tests at the scheduled times. Students with a documented medical reason for missing a test will have their grades averaged without inclusion of the missed test. Students participating in University-affiliated events are expected to prioritize their coursework. Exams begin on time. If an exam coincides with a religious holiday, notification is expected in the 1st week of class and arrangements will be made on an individual basis.

First Exam = 75 points = 15% of final grade

Second Exam = 100 points = 20% of final grade (non-cumulative)

Third Exam = 100 points = 20% of final grade (non-cumulative)

Research Paper (100 points = 20% of grade)

A research paper on a topic relative to the material covered in class will be due on the last scheduled day of class. Topics must be approved in advance, by email, not later than 27 March. Undergraduate papers are not to exceed 2500 words. Graduate papers are not to exceed 5000 words.

Papers not formatted in one of these two styles will lose a letter grade: *The Journal of Egyptian Archaeology* or the *Journal of Ancient Egyptian Interconnections*.

Attendance & Participation (125 points = 25% of grade)

Undergraduate

Attendance is required, and will be checked daily for undergraduate students. Unexcused absences (i.e. not approved by the University) will affect the participation grade and may lead to a student being administratively dropped from the class on Feb. 7th. Frequent late arrivals to class will be counted as absences. Participation involves classroom interaction with the material presented – questions, comments and discussion of the material are examples of participation. It is your responsibility to sign-in *at the beginning* of class.

Undergraduate students will earn 4 points for each class attended (excluding exams and the first week of class). You can earn up to 100 points. If you are disruptive, inattentive, or leave class early without a valid reason, you will lose these points.

Undergraduate presentation of term paper research (25 points): Undergraduates will be expected to present a five-minute synopsis (“elevator talk” – 2-3 slides maximum) to the class.

Graduate

Attendance is expected for graduate students and will not be recorded.

Graduate students will be expected to provide a much more substantial presentation of their term paper (20 minutes – think conference presentation). 125 points.

Optional Participation (*up to an additional 2%*)

During the semester, you may have the opportunity to attend events or guest lectures on campus recommended by the professor. If you attend one of these events and provide a two-paragraph synopsis, you will be eligible for 1 % added to your final grade. You can do so twice for credit.

Class Format & Classroom Behavior: Each lecture will consist of the presentation of illustrated background material. The use of cell phones and other communication devices is not allowed in class. Behavior which interferes with the ability of other students to hear the lecture, or to concentrate on it, is not allowed. Behavior which threatens any member of the class is prohibited (see <http://policy.web.arizona.edu/~policy/threaten.shtml>).

Academic Integrity: Conduct prohibited by the University Code of Academic Integrity – such as cheating, plagiarism, etc. – is forbidden.

See <http://catalog.arizona.edu/policies/974/acacode.htm>

Disability Accommodation: Students with disabilities requiring accommodation should contact the University of Arizona Disability Resource Center (520-621-3268; <http://drc.arizona.edu>) for any special needs

Proposed Lecture Topics and Dates (Subject to Change)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LECTURE TOPIC</u>
12 Jan	Class Introduction and Review of Syllabus
17 Jan	Introduction to Ancient Egypt
19 Jan	Introduction to the Levant
24 Jan	Trade and Cultural Interaction Theory
26 Jan	Evidence for Trade and Exchange
31 Jan	Predynastic to Early Dynastic: the Beginnings of Interaction
2 Feb	Dynasties 2 to 4: Trade in Egypt's Pyramid Age
7 Feb	Dynasty 5 to the First Intermediate Period: Social Changes and Impacts on Interconnections
9 Feb	Review for Exam
14 Feb	<i>Exam I</i>
16 Feb	Dynasty 12: Renewed Contact and Early Military Activity
21 Feb	Dynasty 13: Evolving and Developing Dynamics
23 Feb	Second Intermediate Period: the Levantines Set Up Shop in Egypt
28 Feb	Guest Lecture – Seafaring in the Ancient World
1 March	Dynasty 18: Egypt Creates an Empire in the Levant
6 March	The Amarna Period: A Textual Insight into Diplomacy
8 March	Dynasty 19: Warring Empires and Changing Boundaries
	Spring Break – no class
20 March	Dynasty 20: the Sea Peoples and the End of the Age of Empires
22 March	Review for Exam
27 March	<i>Exam II & paper topics due</i>
29 March	Third Intermediate Period: Phoenicians Rule the Sea
3 April	Late and Ptolemaic Periods: Foreigners Rule Again
5 April	Roman Period: Everyone United under Roman Rule
10 April	Post-Roman Era: the Byzantine Empire
12 April	Student presentations
17 April	Student presentations
19 April	Guest Lecture – TBA
24 April	Student presentations & Papers Due
26 April	Graduate student presentations
1 May	Review for Exam
Finals Week	<i>Exam III (as scheduled by the University)</i>

**REQUIRED READINGS WILL BE POSTED ON THE COURSE D2L PAGE AT
LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE**