

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN CIVILIZATIONS

Program Learning Outcomes for the BA Degree with a Major in Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations

Upon completing the BA degree with a major in Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations, students will be able to:

1. Explain the historical trajectory of at least two of these Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations: Graeco-Roman, Islamic, Jewish, Christian.
2. Identify and explain how cultural, political, intellectual, religious, and other aspects of Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations have affected aspects of contemporary societies.
3. Create convincing arguments about one or more aspects of Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations through the evaluation and critical analysis of textual and material evidence.

Requirements for the BA Degree with a Major in Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations

For general university requirements, see [Graduation Requirements \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/). Students pursuing the BA degree with a major in Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations must complete:

- A minimum of 10 courses (30-31 credit hours, depending on course selection) to satisfy major requirements.
- A minimum of 120 credit hours to satisfy degree requirements.
- A minimum of 5 courses (15 credit hours) taken at the 300-level or above.
- A maximum of 4 courses (12 credit hours) from study abroad or transfer credit. For additional program guidelines regarding transfer credit, see the [Policies](#) (p. 3) tab.

Although not required, courses in ancient languages are recommended.

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this major. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the major's academic advisor, or where applicable, the department's Director of Undergraduate Studies. (Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the major's [Official Certifier \(https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/\)](https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/).) Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

Summary

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours Required for the Major in Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations		30-31

Total Credit Hours Required for the BA Degree with a Major in Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations	120
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Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Requirements		
Select 3 courses from 3 of the 5 following categories (see course lists below)		9
	Graeco-Roman Civilization	
	Islamic Civilization	
	Jewish Civilization	
	Christian Civilization	
	Archaeological Methods and Theory	
Themes Across Time ¹		
Select 1 course from the Themes Across Time category (see course list below)		3
Comparative Studies ²		
Select 1 course from the Comparative Studies category (see course list below)		3-4
Elective Requirements		
Select 5 elective courses from any of the course lists below		15
Total Credit Hours Required for the Major in Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations		30-31
Additional Credit Hours to Complete Degree Requirements*		58-59
University Graduation Requirements (https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/) [*]		31
Total Credit Hours		120

Footnotes and Additional Information

* **Note:** [University Graduation Requirements](#) include 31 credit hours, comprised of Distribution Requirements (Groups I, II, and III), FWIS, and LPAP coursework. In some instances, courses satisfying FWIS or distribution requirements may additionally meet other requirements, such as the Analyzing Diversity (AD) requirement, or some of the student's declared major, minor, or certificate requirements. [Additional Credit Hours to Complete Degree Requirements](#) include general electives, coursework completed as upper-level, residency (hours taken at Rice), and/or any other additional academic program requirements.

¹ Courses in this requirement address the creation, transmission, and reception of traditions in the Mediterranean world.

² Courses in this requirement address two different cultural traditions or reflect similar themes but from different cultures (e.g. *Women in Greece and Rome*).

Course Lists to Satisfy Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Requirements		
Select 3 courses from 3 of the following 5 categories:		
Graeco-Roman Civilization		
ANTH 325 / SWGS 332	SEX, SELF, AND SOCIETY IN ANCIENT GREECE	3
CLAS 107 / HUMA 107	GREEK CIVILIZATION AND ITS LEGACY	3

CLAS 108 / HUMA 111	ROMAN CIVILIZATION AND ITS LEGACY	3	HIST 381 / RELI 385	GOD, TIME AND HISTORY	3
CLAS 124	CLASSICAL ANTIQUITY IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE	3	JWST 201	GREAT BOOKS OF JEWISH HISTORY AND CULTURE	3
CLAS 210	HOMER AND VIRGIL AND THEIR RECEPTION	3	RELI 104 / MDEM 103	INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH MYSTICISM	3
CLAS 225	AUGUSTUS AND THE 'GOLDEN AGE' OF ROME	3	RELI 108	INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM	3
CLAS 235	CLASSICAL MYTHOLOGY: INTERPRETATION, ORIGINS, AND INFLUENCE	3	RELI 120	CONTEMPORARY ETHICS AND THE BIBLE	3
CLAS 303	SOCRATES	3	RELI 122	THE BIBLE AND ITS INTERPRETERS	3
CLAS 316 / PLST 316	DEMOCRACY AND POLITICAL THEORY IN ANCIENT GREECE	3	RELI 125 / HEBR 125	INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL HEBREW I	3
CLAS 336 / LING 336	INTRO TO INDO-EUROPEAN	3	RELI 126 / HEBR 126	INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL HEBREW II	3
GREE 101	ELEMENTARY GREEK I	3	RELI 127	INTERMEDIATE BIBLICAL HEBREW III	3
GREE 102	ELEMENTARY GREEK II	3	RELI 203 / HIST 201	JUDAISM OF JESUS AND HILLEL	3
GREE 201	INTERMEDIATE GREEK I: PROSE	3	RELI 382	LOST JUDAISMS: THE APOCRYPHAL WRITINGS	3
GREE 202	INTERMEDIATE GREEK: EURIPIDES MEDEA/BIBLICAL KOINE	3	RELI 383	THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS	3
HART 201	ART AND ARCHITECTURE OF ANCIENT ROME	3	Christian Civilization		
HART 216 / CLAS 218	CITIES, SANCTUARIES, CIVILIZATIONS: INTRODUCTION TO GREEK ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY	3	RELI 112	INTRODUCTION TO EARLY CHRISTIANITY	3
HART 360	FROM REPUBLIC TO EMPIRE: INVENTING ROMAN ART	3	RELI 120	CONTEMPORARY ETHICS AND THE BIBLE	3
HIST 200	ANCIENT EMPIRES: ORIGINS OF WESTERN CIVILIZATIONS	3	RELI 122	THE BIBLE AND ITS INTERPRETERS	3
HIST 307	IMPERIAL ROME FROM CAESAR TO DIOCLETIAN	3	RELI 125 / HEBR 125	INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL HEBREW I	3
HIST 308 / MDEM 308	THE WORLD OF LATE ANTIQUITY	3	RELI 126 / HEBR 126	INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL HEBREW II	3
HIST 357 / MDEM 357	JEWS AND CHRISTIANS IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE	3	RELI 127	INTERMEDIATE BIBLICAL HEBREW III	3
LATI 101 / MDEM 101	ELEMENTARY LATIN I	3	RELI 243	THE BOOK OF GENESIS	3
LATI 102 / MDEM 102	ELEMENTARY LATIN II	3	RELI 271 / MDEM 271	MEDIEVAL POPULAR CHRISTIANITY	3
LATI 201 / MDEM 211	INTERMEDIATE LATIN I: PROSE	3	RELI 282	INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIANITY	3
LATI 202 / MDEM 212	INTERMEDIATE LATIN II	3	RELI 304	THE GOSPELS AND SECRET GOSPELS	3
LATI 303	ADVANCED LATIN: PLAUTUS AND TERENCE	3	RELI 307	BASIC COPTIC 1	3
LATI 313	CICERO AND CATULLUS: LITERATURE AND SOCIETY IN THE ROMAN REPUBLIC	3	RELI 308	BASIC COPTIC 2	3
Islamic Civilization			RELI 309	BASIC COPTIC 3	1-3
ASIA 221 / RELI 221	THE LIFE OF THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD	3	RELI 365	PAUL AND THE FIRST CHRISTIANS	3
RELI 223	QUR'AN AND COMMENTARY	3	RELI 381		3
RELI 442	CLASSICAL AND CONTEMPORARY ARABIC TEXTS	3	RELI 383	THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS	3
Jewish Civilization			RELI 416	NEW TESTAMENT / CHRISTIAN ORIGINS	3
			RELI 449	SECOND CENTURY CHRISTIANITIES	3
			Archaeological Methods and Theory		
			ANTH 203	INTRODUCTION TO BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	3
			ANTH 205	INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY	3
			ANTH 303	INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCE	3
			ANTH 312 / MDEM 311	THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF AFRICA	3
			ANTH 315	ZOOARCHAEOLOGY	4
			ANTH 345	THE POLITICS OF THE PAST: ARCHAEOLOGY IN SOCIAL CONTEXT	3
			ANTH 346	QUEER ARCHAEOLOGY	3
			ANTH 352	PEOPLE AND ANIMALS IN THE PAST	3

ANTH 355	SPACE, PLACE, AND LANDSCAPE	3
ANTH 362	ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD TECHNIQUES	3
ANTH 363	THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF CITIES AND STATES	3
ANTH 392	KINGS, QUEENS, AND COMMONERS: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF ANCIENT MESOAMERICA	3
ANTH 394	THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF SLAVERY AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA	3
ANTH 425	ADVANCED TOPICS IN ARCHAEOLOGY	3
ANTH 460	ADVANCED ARCHAEOLOGICAL THEORY	3

Themes Across Time

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<i>Select 1 course from the following:</i>		
ANTH 363	THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF CITIES AND STATES	3
CLAS 124	CLASSICAL ANTIQUITY IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE	3
CLAS 210	HOMER AND VIRGIL AND THEIR RECEPTION	3
HART 101 / CLAS 102 / MDEM 111	INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF ART I: ANCIENT TO MEDIEVAL	3
HIST 200	ANCIENT EMPIRES: ORIGINS OF WESTERN CIVILIZATIONS	3
HIST 308 / MDEM 308	THE WORLD OF LATE ANTIQUITY	3
HIST 381 / RELI 385	GOD, TIME AND HISTORY	3
PHIL 281	HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY I	3
PHIL 370	SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	3
PHIL 372	HISTORY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	3
PHIL 381	ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY	3
RELI 104 / MDEM 103	INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH MYSTICISM	3
RELI 120	CONTEMPORARY ETHICS AND THE BIBLE	3
RELI 315 / ASIA 315 / SWGS 315	GENDER AND ISLAM	3

Comparative Studies

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<i>Select 1 course from the following:</i>		
ANTH 392	KINGS, QUEENS, AND COMMONERS: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF ANCIENT MESOAMERICA	3
CLAS 336 / LING 336	INTRO TO INDO-EUROPEAN	3
HART 307	WOMEN IN ANCIENT ART	3
HIST 357 / MDEM 357	JEWS AND CHRISTIANS IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE	3
PHIL 381	ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY	3
RELI 112	INTRODUCTION TO EARLY CHRISTIANITY	3

RELI 348	CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM IN AFRICA	3
RELI 384	PILGRIMAGE AND CRUSADE	3
RELI 392	JERUSALEM: RELIGION AND POLITICS PAST AND PRESENT	3,4

Policies for the BA Degree with a Major in Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations

Transfer Credit

For Rice University's policy regarding transfer credit, see [Transfer Credit \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit/). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. The Office of Academic Advising maintains the university's official list of [transfer credit advisors \(https://oaa.rice.edu/advising-network/transfer-credit-advisors/\)](https://oaa.rice.edu/advising-network/transfer-credit-advisors/) on their website: <https://oaa.rice.edu>. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic program's transfer credit advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.

Program Transfer Credit Guidelines

Students pursuing the major in Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations should be aware of the following program-specific transfer credit guidelines:

- No more than 4 courses (12 credit hours) of transfer credit from U.S. or international universities of similar standing as Rice may apply towards the major.
- Requests for transfer credit will be considered by the program director (and/or the program's official transfer credit advisor) on an individual case-by-case basis.

Distribution Credit Information

The determination of distribution credit eligibility is done initially as part of the [new course creation process \(https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/courseprocess/\)](https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/courseprocess/). Additionally, as part of an [annual roll call \(https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/distribution_credit/\)](https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/distribution_credit/) coordinated each Spring by the Office of the Registrar, course distribution credit eligibility is routinely reviewed and reaffirmed by the Dean's Offices of each of the academic schools.

Faculty and leadership in the academic schools are responsible for ensuring that the courses identified as distribution-credit-eligible meet the criteria as set in the [General Announcements \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text). Students are responsible for ensuring that they meet [graduation requirements \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text) by completing coursework designated as distribution-credit-eligible at the time of course registration.

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations website: <https://amc.rice.edu/>

Opportunities for the BA Degree with a Major in Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations

Academic Honors

The university recognizes academic excellence achieved over an undergraduate's academic history at Rice. For information on university honors, please see [Latin Honors \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/) (*summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *cum laude*) and [Distinction in Research and Creative Work \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.

Distinction in Research and Creative Work

Students who wish to be considered for [Distinction in Research and Creative Work \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/) in Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations must complete a thesis. A committee drawn from Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations faculty will evaluate the thesis for distinction according to the following criteria. Although students may draw on work done in previous courses, the thesis must present substantially new research based on primary sources (in translation), archaeological and visual materials, or some combination of them. The thesis should be at least thirty pages long, with additional formal bibliography and footnotes. It must locate its argument and importance in scholarly discussion. Theses will be written during the two semesters of the senior year. Before beginning the thesis, students must consult with the Director of the Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations program, no later than the spring semester of the junior year.

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations website:
<https://amc.rice.edu/>

See <https://humanities.rice.edu/student-life> (<https://humanities.rice.edu/student-life/>) for tables of fellowships, prizes, and internships/practica that may be relevant to this major.