

Archaeology of the Ancient Near East: from the Proto-Neolithic to the Bronze Age (A003325)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 5.0

Study time 150 h

Course offerings in academic year 2025-2026

A (semester 1)

Dutch

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Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026

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offering

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Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Archaeology, Ancient Near East

Position of the course

This advanced course belongs to "Overview 2", and aims to deepen the acquired skills of the first year. In this case to obtain an insight into the archaeology of some Near Eastern regions and topics (like architecture, religion, glyptic, administration, burial, ...).

Contents

Capita selecta. The archaeology of the Near East. The archaeology and art of the Ancient Near East from the Proto-Neolithic to the bronze age. This course aims to acquaint the students with certain important archaeological sites, monuments, art and social developments.

Initial competences

To have successfully completed the course Archaeology of the Near East or to have acquired the necessary skills by other means.

Final competences

- 1 The student has a thorough insight into the main material and cultural developments of the specific period.
- 2 Cultures/objects can be situated in a wider context.
- 3 Can independently collect and interpret the scientific literature.
- 4 Know the specific jargon.
- 5 Knows the characteristics and evolution of archaeological remains.
- 6 Can independently study and present a specific theme/period.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Excursion, Lecture, Independent work, Peer teaching

Extra information on the teaching methods

- Lectures (up to 50% online)

- With the possibility (if sufficient interest) of an excursion to a European museum or an exhibition. Shade costs approx. 200 euros

Study material

Type: Reader

Name: Archaeology of the Ancient Near East: from the Proto-Neolithic to the Bronze Age

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Available on Ufora : Yes

Online Available : Yes

Available in the Library : No

Available through Student Association : No

References

This course unit assumes responsible use of generative artificial intelligence (GAI). Unpublished data should never be entered into GAI tools. The applicable guidelines from Academic Skills are respected throughout the course.

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Course content-related study coaching

Contact moments by appointment

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Oral assessment, Written assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Oral assessment, Written assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Oral assessment, Written assessment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Partial evaluation (50%) with final exam in the exam period (50%). The partial evaluation takes the form of a presentation at the contact moments throughout the semester. During the exam period: an oral exam. For the oral examination: knowledge and insight questions and recognize, identify and chronologically situate a number of archaeological artefacts and monuments.

Calculation of the examination mark

Partial evaluation (50%) with final examination in the examination period ((50%)

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

1. Lessons are not recorded but sufficient online learning material is provided
2. Possibility to take an exam at another time within the regular examination period

For more information concerning flexible learning: contact the monitoring service of the faculty of Arts and philosophy