RELIGIONS OF THE ANCIENT MIDDLE EAST MAJOR

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate an understanding of fundamental methodological, historical, and/or comparative approaches to the study of religion and culture in the ancient Near East and apply this understanding to specific relevant examples.
2. Describe and illustrate the development of at least two chronological, geographical, or cultural subareas.
3. Formulate and defend an argument about religion and culture in the ancient near east informed by the modern scholarship and amply illustrated with reference to ancient evidence.
4. Language Track: Demonstrate the ability to use the languages they have studied as a tool for deep engagement with ancient source material.

Requirements

Course | Title | Credits
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Foundations | One approved I-Series course | 3
JWST230 | Inventing Traditions: The Making of Rabbinic Judaism | 3
RELS271 | What is Religion? | 3
RELS273 | Jesus, Mani, and Muhammad: The Dynamics of New Religious Movements | 3

Electives (four must be at the upper level) | 15
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CLAS305 | Archaeological Methods and Practice | 3
HIST110 | The Ancient World | 3
HIST320 | Early Christianity: Jesus to Constantine | 3
HIST428 | Selected Topics in History (HIST428R: Transition to Islam: From the Ancient to the Medieval Muslim World) | 3
JWST324 | Biblical History and Culture | 3
JWST325 | Jews and Judaism in Antiquity I: Sixth Century BCE through the First Century CE | 3
JWST326 | Jews and Judaism in Antiquity II: First through Seventh Century | 3
JWST430 | Dead Sea Scrolls | 3
JWST468 | Readings in the Hebrew Bible | 3
JWST469 | Readings in Rabbinic Hebrew | 3
RELS408 | Capstone Seminar for Religions of the Ancient Middle East | 3

Total Credits | 30

Tracks

Language Track

- Minimum six additional credits; minimum 36 credits total
- Prerequisite: First year language (6-12 credits)
- Six credits in Hebrew, Arabic, Greek, or other relevant language beyond the first year level
- Note: Students who place directly into second year language or above need only complete six credits of language. The number of prerequisite language credits varies by language

Four-Year Plan

Click here (https://www.arhu.umd.edu/academics/advising/academic-plans/) for roadmaps for four-year plans in the College of Arts and Humanities.

Additional information on developing a four-year academic plan can be found on the following pages:

- http://4yearplans.umd.edu
- the Student Academic Success-Degree Completion Policy (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/registration-academic-requirements-regulations/academic-advising/#success) section of this catalog