

Ancient World Studies Minor

Plan of Study

Name of Student:	Student ID#:	Minor Code: ANC
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Students must take 18 credits from at least three different academic departments. A maximum of 9 credits may be from any one academic department. At least 9 credits must be at the upper-division level. A maximum of 3 credits applied to another major or minor may also count for the Ancient Studies minor.

Course Number and Title	Semester	Department (At least 3)	Grade	Credits

Approved: _____ Date: _____
 (signature of Minor Coordinator indicating fulfillment of requirements)

Approved Courses

(special topics courses not on this list may also be approved by the Minor Coordinator)

Art History

ARH 340: The Arts of Early China
ARH 360: Art of Asia I
ARH 365: Early Greek Art
ARH 366: Later Greek Art
ARH 367: Art of Ancient Rome
ARH 386: Art of Ancient Egypt
ARH 389: Art of Pre-Columbian America
ARH 401: Art of the Ancient Near East
ARH 410: Art of the Byzantine Empire

English

ENG 355: The Bible
ENG 356: Greek and Roman Literature

Political Science

POL 220: Athens and Jerusalem: Political Thought
in the Ancient and Medieval Worlds

Philosophy

PHI 211: Ancient Greek Philosophy
PHI 251: Indian Philosophy
PHI 310: Later Greek and Roman Philosophy
PHI 330: Chinese Philosophy

History

HIS 200: History of the Ancient World
HIS 202: History of the Ancient Near East
HIS 203: History of Ancient Greece
HIS 312: Alexander the Great & the Hellenistic World
HIS 313: Religion & Power in the Ancient Near East
HIS 314: Roman Empire
HIS 316: Gender & Sexuality in Classical Antiquity
HIS 337: Ancient India
HIS 369: Ancient Israel
HIS 370: Bible: Myth and History

Anthropology

ANT 215: Introduction to Archaeology
ANT 304: Ancient Mesoamerica

About the Ancient Studies Minor

Ancient Studies is an interdisciplinary program that lets students focus on the study of the world's early civilizations: the Near East (Israel, Mesopotamia, Persia and their neighbors), Egypt, Greece, Rome, China, India, Japan, and all regions in between. It can also encompass the study of the cultures of the Americas—North American Indians, as well as the great urban American cultures of the Inca, the Maya, the Aztecs and others—prior to the arrival of European explorer/conquerors in the fifteenth century. With courses in history, philosophy, political science, art history, and anthropology, students in the Ancient Studies Minor can explore and learn about the Ancient World from almost any angle.

A minor in Ancient Studies will help position students for graduate studies in archaeology, anthropology, Classics, Egyptology, or any other specialized discipline dealing with the Ancient World. Beyond that, the skills stressed in Ancient Studies courses—research, analysis, and writing—are valuable in almost any field of endeavor. But possibly the most valuable thing the minor has to offer is a wider and deeper perspective on what it means to be human, which is crucial to understanding today's globalized, multi-cultural world. As Homer's *Odyssey* says of the hero Odysseus: “He saw many cities, and knew the minds of many men.” A minor in Ancient Studies offers SUNY New Paltz students the opportunity to travel widely in both space and time—to really follow in the footsteps of Odysseus.

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