

ARCH331-3 | Aegean and Ancient Greek Art and Archaeology Fall 2024

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1. Course Description

This course is designed to give the student a comprehensive overview of the art and archaeology of Greece and the Aegean, from the Old Stone Age to the end of the Roman Period. The main objective of the course is for the student to develop a diachronic and multi-faceted understanding of the evolution of human culture in the region.

The somewhat overlapping disciplines of art history (the study of stylistic traits and historical contexts of objects of art – architecture, painting, sculpture, and many more minor arts and crafts) and archaeology (the study of past human activity through analyses of material culture) will establish the backbone of this course. It should be kept in mind, however, that these disciplines are not means to their ends but merely *tools* to understand societies of the past. Material culture should not, and, in fact, cannot be analyzed in isolation: environmental, economic, social, and political factors all play a role in the genesis and evolution of ancient societies. Therefore, whenever necessary, linguistic, anthropological, environmental, or purely historical information will be provided by the instructor or by the readings, for the students to acquire a comprehensive perspective on the processes through which ancient civilizations were born, flourished, transformed, and, eventually, died out.

In addition to the core material, several *special topics* will be covered throughout the semester on specific days (highlighted in the class schedule, see below). These topics may or may not be directly related to the core material of the day. Yet, they will always present crucial complementary information on the ancient cultures we study.

In its overall framework, the course will progress chronologically as much as possible.

2. Course Resources and Activities

Rather than a particular textbook, we will be using chapters and articles from recent and up-to-date publications or classic authoritative volumes on specific subjects. The readings, lecture slides, and hand-outs distributed by the instructor will be regularly posted on Moodle as PDFs. Physical editions of most of the readings can be found in the CYA library. For specific days, in addition to or in lieu of the readings, you will be asked to watch a *video* of an academic talk given by a specialist in the subject.

Being in Greece, we have the invaluable opportunity to see most of the monuments and artifacts relevant to our course. Consequently, half of our classes will take place at archaeological sites and museums. Please remember that you will need to take copious notes during the on-site classes. However, you do *not* need to take photos since you will receive a visual study guide before the exams on the most important artifacts and monuments that we will visit during the on-site classes.

Archaeological sites and essential works of art displayed in the museums that you will be lectured on during the field trips to Crete and the Peloponnese are another vital part of this course. *After* each of these trips, you will receive a textual and visual study guide on specific monuments and artifacts that you will need to know in detail.

3. Learning Objectives:

Upon the successful completion of the course requirements by the end of the semester, the students will be able to:

- Identify different types of ancient artifacts and monuments from the Mediterranean,
- Make an educated guess regarding their style, function, rough date, and often their historical context,
- Develop an in-depth perspective on human existence and progress (or the lack thereof), taking the long-term processes into account,
- Compare the civilizations of the past and their problems with today's society and its problems and see the modern world through the lenses of many millennia of human experience.

Equally important, it is also the instructor's sincere hope that you will also be able to:

- Immediately identify pseudo-scientific remarks about the ancient world (aliens and such),
- Make sophisticated comments on the social, economic, and cultural evolution of past societies, in case you find
 yourselves at a posh tea party with people wearing bowties or turtleneck tops; if it really comes to that, utilizing
 terms like longue durée or contrapposto.



4. Course Requirements and Assessment

a) Exams:

Midterm Take-Home: Visual ID, short answer, and essay questions will be posted on Moodle for you to complete in 10 days. *Date TBD*

Final In-Class Exam: A *non-cumulative* final exam with the same type of questions as the midterm will be taken in the classroom. *The date and hour are TBD.*

The midterm exam will be open book. For the in-class final exam, you will be able to use a hand-written cheat sheet (**one** side of an A4-size paper sheet). The best cheat-sheet will receive a small prize during the Farewell Dinner, as a testament to the student's information-squeezing and handwriting abilities.

b) Art & Archaeology Hybrid Pseudo-Conference Presentation:

Two class days towards the end of the semester will be devoted to conference sessions. The students will select a specific topic on antiquity OR its connection to the *modern world* and will orally present their research for approximately 15 minutes. Twelve students will deliver their talks in the CYA auditorium, with a short Q&A session following each presentation. Following the enigmatic tradition of academic conferences, mediocre-quality coffee, and nearly edible cookies will be provided by CYA. The remaining students will submit their presentations as a video file for an *online conference session*.

c) Poster presentation:

A poster presentation summarizing the student's conference presentation research should be submitted on Moodle by Wednesday, May 8th, 5 PM. The posters will be printed in A1 size and then adorn the walls of the academic center until the end of the semester for your peers to drink from your fountain of wisdom.

d) Memes/Haikus/Other Creative Work:

Fifteen times throughout the semester, you will create a meme or write a haiku about a topic relevant to the material we cover during that week. If you feel inspired to write a song or make an illustration or a TikTok video, that will also work. All works should be submitted on Moodle in the relevant folders if the medium allows.

At the end of the semester, you will select your best three submissions, which will be uploaded on our course Instagram account and we will have a vote, where the CYA student body, CYA staff, and the instructor's archaeologist friends will select the best works. The winning six submissions from both Art & Archaeology modules taught by H. Ç. Öztürk (A331-1 and A331-3) will be printed on t-shirts and presented to the winners at the Farewell Dinner.

- **e)** Class Participation: The knowledge of readings, frequency and quality of the questions raised, contributions to in-class discussions, and attendance will determine your class participation grade.
- f) 400 level upgrade requirements: In order to upgrade the course level to 400, if you choose to do so, you will need to write a research paper (4000 words minimum, excluding the bibliography) using both the CYA library and the Blegen Library at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens (see http://www.cyathens.org/101/1/library/ for details).

The paper should focus on a narrowed-down, specific topic and will require extensive academic research, for which you will need to do a considerable amount of additional reading. You will receive a lengthy list of topics to choose from, or alternatively, you may propose to the instructor an original research question yourself.

g) Grading and Evaluation:

Your grade for this course will be based on the following distribution:

Midterm	20%
Final	25%
Conference presentation	15%
Conference poster	10%
Memes/Haikus	15%
Class participation	15%



Details about assignments and exams will be given in advance. I will not accept late assignments, nor will I prepare make-up exams unless you have a legitimate excuse such as a doctor's note.

5. CYA Policies and Regulations

a) Academic Accommodations

Students are required to submit an official letter from the office at their school that handles academic accommodations (generally the Office of Disability Services), or to have that office send a letter. Students who have submitted such a letter to CYA should also talk to their professors individually to discuss how these accommodations will work in each specific course.

b) Site Visits and Accessibility

This course requires that students walk for half of the class days, especially in the second half of the semester. The weather in Athens in all seasons is unpredictable, so be prepared for rain, wind, or intense sun. If it is a site visit rather than a museum, always wear good walking shoes since most monuments are accessible over rocky terrain, which may be slippery or, in other ways, unpleasant to walk on. Although critical judgments on footwear fashion are not tolerated in our classroom, experience suggests that flip-flops, high-heels, or cowboy boots with pointy tips are all inconvenient for site visits.

On the days when we meet at various sites and museums, which we can enter for free as a group, <u>always</u> bring your physical or digital ICOMOS card. Getting the free tickets, occasionally leaving our backpacks in the museum cloakrooms, and walking to our lecture destination will take time. Unless announced otherwise, please be in front of the site or museum of the day at precisely 8:40 AM so the lecture can start by 8:45 AM. We will not wait for latecomers.

This course requires students to give an individual verbal presentation in front of the class as part of their assessment. If required by academic accommodations of the student, a video submission is also possible.

c) Policy on Original Work

Plagiarism is literary theft. As such, it is a serious offense that will not be tolerated either at your home institution or at CYA. Plagiarism on an assignment will result in an automatic F for the course. Your work should be original and reflect your own ideas and thoughts. If you are unsure about what counts as original work, please consult your professor, and check the Student Handbook.

d) Use of Laptops, Tablets, and Phones

In-class or on-site use of laptops and other devices is permitted if that facilitates course-related activities such as note-taking, looking up references, etc. Laptop or other device privileges will be suspended if they are not used for class-related work.

e) Attendance Policy

Only <u>one</u> unexcused absence will be allowed. Further unexcused absences will lower your final grade. Please get in touch with **the student affairs office** in case of an absence due to illness.

Class Schedule

Day#	Date/Day	Topic / Class Location	Readings / Sources / Assignments
	Sep 5-7	Field Study Delphi and Ancient Olympia	
1	Sep 10	Course Overview	Syllabus
		Syllabus	
		Chronological Periods	
		Classroom	
2	Sep 12	The Old Stone Age (Palaeolithic)	Apidima Cave press release
		The Middle Stone Age (Mesolithic)	Bintliff 2012, p. 28-29, 35-36
		Evolution of Homo Sapiens	Rutter, Lesson 1 (read the Mesolithic
		First Hominids in Greece	section)
		Hunter-Gatherers and the end of the Ice-Age	
		Frankhthi Cave and the Mesolithic Period	
		Special Topic: Archaeogenetics I	
		Ancient DNA studies and early migrations of Homo	
		Sapiens.	
		Classroom	



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3	Sep 17	The New Stone Age (Neolithic)	Hofmanová et al. 2016 (read the following
		Agricultural Revolution	sections: abstract, significance, concluding
		First Agriculturalists of the Aegean	remarks)
		Complex civilization of Neolithic Thessaly	Runnels and Murray 2001, p. 41-64
		Special Topic: In whose interest?	Video: Wengrow 2022
		Agriculture, surplus, and the question of inequality	
		Classroom	Optional: Review – The Dawn of Everything
	Sep 18-21	Field Study Crete	
4	Sep 24	Neolithic Recap & Early Cycladic	Rutter, Lesson 4
		Bronze Age chronology	(read Comments on Early Cycladic
		Early Cycladic II and the appeal of Cycladic art	Figurines)
		Folded armed figurines	
		NAM, Neolithic & EBA Galleries	
5	Sep 26	Early Cycladic Recap & Early Helladic	Stansbury-O'Donnell 2015, p. 19-31
		Advanced societies of the Peloponnese and Lerna	
		EBA II destructions in the Aegean: A temporary setback in	
		social complexity	
		Classroom	
6	Oct 1	Minoan Culture	Stansbury-O'Donnell 2015, p. 32-39
		Origins in the EBA	Stansbury-O'Donnell, 2015, p. 39-43, 46
		Minoan Administration	Rutter, Lesson 18 (Read sections 3, 6, and
		Linear A and Minoan Language	7)
		Are Minoans the descendants of the first Cretan farmers?	
		The Collapse of the Minoan Civilization	
7	Oct 3	Classroom	Vide at Krouse 2016 (watch between 22:20
/	OCI 3	Mycenaean Culture I Humble Beginnings: Middle Bronze Age in Mainland	Video: <u>Krause 2016</u> (watch between 33:39-40:29)
		Greece	40.23)
		Shaft Graves, Tholos Tombs and Wealth Accumulation	Bintliff 2012, p. 141, 164-180
		Mycenaean invaders in Crete?	Novembre 2015
		Special Topic: Archaeogenetics 2	Stansbury-O'Donnell 2015, p. 43-45
		The Indo-European Question:	Standary o Bonnen 2013, p. 43 43
		Linguistics, ancient DNA studies, and Bronze Age mobility	
		Classroom	
8	Oct 8	Mycenaean Culture II	Pieniazek et al. 2018 (read the conclusion)
		Linear B and Mycenaean administration	Stansbury-O'Donnell 2015, p. 48-67
		Mycenaean palatial architecture	
		Mycenaean contacts with the Eastern Mediterranean	
		LBA in the Eastern Mediterranean	
		Western Anatolia and the Ahhiyawa Problem	
		NAM, Mycenaean and Thera Galleries	
9	Oct 10	Mycenaean Culture III	Video: Cline 2015
		Mycenaean Religion and the later Greek Pantheon	
		The Bronze Age Collapse	Deger-Jalkotzy 2008
		The end of the Mycenaean palatial civilization	Rutter, Lesson 28
		The aftermath: LH IIIC twilight	
		Sea peoples in Egypt: Mohawks and Horns in warrior	
		fashion	
10	0+45	Classroom	Nagr 2012 n. 66 04
10	Oct 15	Iron Age in the Agean	Neer 2012, p. 66-91
		Early Iron Age population movements: Dorians in the	Mee 2011, p. 22-28
		Peloponnese, Aiolians and Ionians in Asia Minor	
		Wanax vs. Basileus: The life and death of the Iron Age	
		élite in Nichoria and Lefkandi	
		Protogeometric and Geometric Art & Archaeology	
		Special Topic: Alphabets of the Ancient World	



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		Phoenician alphabet and its happy children: Old Hebrew,	
		Greek, Phrygian, Lycian, Latin, Aramaic, New Hebrew,	
		Arabic, and Cyrillic alphabets	
		Classroom	
11	Oct 17	Archaic Period I:	Pedley 2013, p. 138-145
		Review: Protogeometric and Geometric vase painting	Spivey 2013, p. 7-13, 111-113
		Archaic Greek Art I:	
		The evolution of archaic kore statues	<i>Optional:</i> Hurwit 1999, p. 99-137
		Architectural sculpture of archaic Athens	
		Acropolis Museum, Archaic Sculpture Galleries	
12	Oct 22	Archaic Period II:	Barringer 2014, p. 159-174
		The formation processes of ancient Greek city-states	Neer 2012, p. 92-109
		The <i>Orientalizing Period</i> : 7 th c. BC and the influence of the	Spivey 2013, p. 127-133
		East	
		Archaic Greek Art II:	
		The evolution of archaic kouros statues	
		Black Figure & Red Figure vase painting	
		NAM, Archaic Sculpture & Vase Painting Galleries	
13	Oct 24	Historical Overview	Hornblower 1986
		Persian Wars and the end of the Archaic Period	
		Brief history of the Classical Period:	
		The rise of Athens and the Delian League	
		Sparta and the Peloponnesian War	
		The rise of Macedon and Alexander	
		The Delian League and Athenian Hegemony	
		Classroom	
	Oct 25-Nov 3	Fall Break	
14	Nov 5	Classical Period I:	Camp 2016
		Classical Agora: administrative buildings, Temple of	Agathe: The official website of the Agora
		Hephaistos, Stoa of Zeus Eleutherios, the workshop of	excavations
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		Acropolis Museum	
18	Nov 22 (Make-up T TH class)	Classical Period V: Classical Sculpture: The masters of the 5 th and the 4 th centuries BC White Ground style in vase painting Class Discussion: Ethics of Excavating Burials NAM, Classical Sculpture & Vase Painting Galleries	Garland 2009, p. 270-282 Hurwit 1999, p. 217-221 <i>Optional:</i> Hurwit 1999, p. 161-188
19	Nov 26	Hellenistic Period: Brief History of the Hellenistic Period Hellenistic Sculpture: From Idealism to Humor and Pathos Roman Period I Roman Portrait Sculpture NAM	Spivey 2013, p. 235-246
	Nov 28-Dec 1	Thanksgiving Break	
20	Dec 3	Roman Period II: Roman Athens Brief history of the Roman Period Brief history of Roman and late antique Athens Art & Archaeology of the Roman Period in Greece The Library of Hadrian The Roman Agora The Arch of Hadrian Special Topic: Roman Imperialism Walk from the Arch of Hadrian to the Roman Agora	Freeman 2014, pp. 394-395, 507, 533-543 Bintliff 2012, p. 310-313
21	Dec 5	General Review	
22	Dec 6 (Make-up T TH class)	Class Discussion: Ancient Studies, What's the Point?	
23	Dec 10	Class Conference – Student Presentations	
24	Dec 12	Class Conference – Student Presentations	
	Dec 17	Final Exam Week	
	Dec 19	Final Exam Week	

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