

## COURSE DETAIL

### THE EMERGENCE OF CIVILISATION: PALACES, PEAK SANCTUARIES AND POLITICS IN MINOAN CRETE

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

University of Manchester

**Program(s)**

University of Manchester

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

History Classics

**UCEAP Course Number**

162

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

EMERGENCE OF CIV

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

8.00

## **UCEAP Semester Units**

5.30

### **Course Description**

Minotaurs, labyrinth, palaces, matriarchy, Mother Goddess, peace-loving, naval empire, cannibalism – many concepts and ideas have been associated with the colourful Minoan civilization that existed on Crete during the Bronze Age (ca. 3000-1400 BC). However, many of these are based on a misunderstanding or misreading of the evidence. To overcome the legacy of Victorian scholarship, theoretical frameworks are brought to bear upon the available archaeological and scientific evidence in an attempt to problematise key themes around the emergence, endurance and demise of Minoan society. Topics include: major social changes, such as the transition from hunter-gatherer to agriculturalist/pastoralist, the emergence of urban centres, the social context of the appearance of palaces, burial practices and the treatment of the dead, religion as a tool of community cohesion as well as of palatial control, interaction with neighbouring regions and the question of political control as well as the eventual demise of the Minoan civilization and the debate around a invasion by the Mycenaeans.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

CAHE20221

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### **Host Institution Campus**

University of Manchester

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

