# COURSE DETAIL

| UNDERSTANDING THE EARLY MESOPOTAMIAN WORLD |
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| **Country**<br>United Kingdom - England |
| **Host Institution**<br>University College London |
| **Program(s)**<br>University College London |
| **UCEAP Course Level**<br>Upper Division |
| **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**<br>History |
| **UCEAP Course Number**<br>105 |
| **UCEAP Course Suffix** |
| **UCEAP Official Title**<br>UNDERSTANDING THE EARLY MESOPOTAMIAN WORLD |
| **UCEAP Transcript Title**<br>EARLY MESOPOT WORLD |
| **UCEAP Quarter Units**<br>6.00 |
| **UCEAP Semester Units**<br>4.00 |

**Course Description**
This course has two intertwined themes: the ways in which people made sense of the world in one of history's first urban societies; and the ways in which that society has been interpreted since its rediscovery some 200 years ago. Students study how literacy and numeracy developed in the cities of southern Iraq (Mesopotamia), some 5–6000 years ago, then focus on urbanism and kingship, as well as the training of scribes, scholars, and intellectuals in the third and early second millennium BC. They examine the high social status of doctors and healers, despite their apparent ineffectiveness; investigate how divine will was discovered and interpreted; and consider how big themes in 19th- and 20th-century history - such as exploration and war, empire and race, religion and science - shaped and reshaped popular and learned views of the ancient Middle East, and continue to do so today.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

**Host Institution Course Number**
HIST0508

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**Host Institution Campus**
UCL

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**
History

**Course Last Reviewed**
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