COURSE DETAIL

CITIES AND COMMUNITIES IN THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN

Country
United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution
University of St Andrews

Program(s)
University of St Andrews

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Urban Studies History Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number
104

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
CITIES AND COMMUNITIES IN THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN

UCEAP Transcript Title
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UCEAP Quarter Units
8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

In 1000 BCE, the Mediterranean and Near East were barely urbanized; in the centuries that followed, a dense network of interconnected cities spanning the region developed. This course explores this transformation by examining changing physical as well as social relations between people, as well as between people and their environments. Students study the rise and fall of the ancient city, including its ecology and domestic politics, and modern debates over ancient urbanism. What existed before cities? Why do cities appear and why do they decline? How do cities relate to the natural world? Is urbanism necessarily linked to inequality? How do cities change when they are integrated into imperial systems? Students explore these questions through a variety of case studies, from tiny trading outposts to megacities like Rome and Alexandria, and a range of types of evidence, such as written histories, inscribed law codes, and the physical remains of the cities themselves.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
AN1004

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Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
School of Classics

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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