

COURSE DETAIL

ANCIENT EMPIRES

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)

Classics

UCEAP Course Number

107

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ANCIENT EMPIRES

UCEAP Transcript Title

ANCIENT EMPIRES

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course combines a bold and sweeping overview of the history of the ancient Mediterranean and Near East over two millennia, with an exploration of the nature of empires and imperialism in antiquity. Students explore how imperial states built and maintained their power (including their efforts to assert and justify their power to themselves and their subjects); the experiences of other populations and cultures that were conquered or incorporated into ancient empires; and the contested legacies of imperial states, both in antiquity and today. As well as tracing the histories of large imperial or hegemonic powers, such as the Achaemenid Persians, the Hellenistic Greek 'kingdoms' and Rome, the course also introduces students to the wide range of other cultures that lived under and alongside them, including those of Babylonia, Judea, and Egypt.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

AN1003

Host Institution Course Title

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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

Course Last Reviewed

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