

ARTS4381

THE ART OF ANCIENT EGYPT

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Office Hours: MW 1 – 3PM, TR 2 – 4PM, and by appointment.

Class Meetings: 11:00AM – 12:15PM

Ancient even in the eyes of the Greeks and Romans, the culture, art, and architecture of Egypt has long fascinated visitors to its desert land. In this course, students will explore the development of Egyptian art and architecture from prehistory until the annexation of Egypt by Rome in the first century BCE, with particular attention to the objects' culture and religious contexts.

OBJECTIVES:

In this class, students will learn the overall history and development of the art of ancient Egypt, and the characteristic forms of its major periods and movements. Students will be introduced to major monuments and works of art of ancient Egypt within their appropriate historical and cultural contexts. Students will become familiar with the concepts, methods, and approaches used to student Egyptian art, and they will develop their powers of critical thinking through readings, written assignments, and a final research project.

RECOMMENDED TEXT:

Gay Robins, *The Art of Ancient Egypt*, Harvard University Press, 2008.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Exams (three total): 20% each (60% total)

Papers (three total): 5%/10%/15% (30% total)

Quizzes, activities, participation: 10%

Exams will be image-based exams consisting of object identification, short answer questions, unknown objects and essay questions. Exams are not cumulative, though you will be expected to demonstrate mastery of major concepts and artistic movements covered in previous sections.

PLEASE NOTE that no make-up exams will be administered under any circumstances except documented, excused medical circumstances. No exams will be administered early.

Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding the Academic Honor Code, which is contained in both print and web versions of the Student Handbook. Please consult your Student Handbook for broad (though not exhaustive) definitions of both cheating and plagiarism. You are responsible for knowing and understanding what constitutes cheating

and/or plagiarism; if you are caught cheating or if you commit plagiarism, you will fail the exam or assignment and fail the class with no exceptions.

GRADE SCALE:

90-100 = A
80-89 = B
70-79 = C
60-69 = D
59 and below = F

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION:

Students are expected to attend class regularly and to participate actively. In the event that you must arrive late or leave early, please do so quietly so as not to disrupt the class. Acquiring information (including but not limited to class notes, assignments and important announcements) missed due to tardiness or absence will be the responsibility of the student.

CLASSROOM CONDUCT:

Students are expected to treat each other, and Dr. Stewart, with respect at all times. Any student who disrupts the class through their speech, behavior, or any other distraction, may be asked to leave the class for the duration of the period. Repeated infractions may result in being removed from the class.

Cell phones should be silenced or placed on vibrate before the class period begins. All cell phones should be put away for the duration of the class period. Any use of a cell phone, including texting, web browsing, social media, ringing or other audible notifications, during the class period will be considered intentionally disruptive student behavior. Any use of an electronic device during an exam will result in automatic failure of the exam with no possibility of make-up.

Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, students must abide by certain guidelines when attending in-person class sessions:

- All students (and faculty and staff) must complete a daily wellness screening, available through RamPort, before coming onto campus each day.
- All students are strongly encouraged to wear appropriate face coverings while in public spaces on campus.
- All students are strongly encouraged to receive a COVID-19 vaccination as soon as possible. Vaccine appointments are available through Shannon.

- For more information about ASU's response to COVID-19, please visit <https://www.angelo.edu/covid-19/>

If you are feeling unwell for any reason, please **DO NOT COME TO CAMPUS**, and **DO NOT COME TO THIS CLASS**. If you are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19, please follow the instructions on the daily wellness screening to contact Shannon on Demand for further medical advice.

COVID-19 poses a wide variety of challenges – both foreseen and unforeseen – to students, faculty, and university administrators alike. If you encounter any issues that interfere with your ability to complete this course, such as you or a loved one falling ill, a change in living situation, work schedule, or caregiving responsibilities, financial hardship, or mental health crisis, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. The help I can offer may be limited, but I am happy to work with you however I can.

INCOMPLETE AND PROLONGED ABSENCE:

A grade of incomplete can only be granted for documented health and family purposes. In the event of prolonged illness, please contact me personally or have a family member contact me as soon as possible. Furthermore, it is the student's responsibility to contact the Dean of Student Life at 325-942-2193 and document your circumstance.

UNIVERSITY COURSE WITHDRAWAL POLICY:

The last day to drop a course or to totally withdraw from the University will be Thursday, April 28, 2022. Withdrawal grades will be indicated by W. Any student who withdraws from the course after this date will receive a failing (F) grade for the course.

ADA COMPLIANCE:

Persons with disabilities which may warrant academic accommodations must contact the Student Life Office, Garden Level, University Center, 325-942-2191, in order to request such accommodations prior to any accommodations being implemented. You are encouraged to make this request early in the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

TITLE IX AT ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY:

The University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination including: sexual assault, sex-based discrimination, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence and/or dating violence), and stalking. As a faculty member, I am a Responsible Employee meaning that I am obligated by law and ASU

policy to report any allegations I am notified of to the Office of Title IX Compliance. Students are encouraged to report any incidents of sexual misconduct directly to ASU's Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator at:

Michelle Miller, J.D.
Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator
Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
325-942-2022
michelle.miller@angelo.edu

You may also file a report online 24/7 at www.angelo.edu/incident-form.

If you are wishing to speak to someone about an incident in confidence you may contact the University Health Clinic and Counseling Center at 325-942-2173 or the ASU Crisis Helpline at 325-486-6345.

For more information about Title IX in general you may visit www.angelo.edu/title-ix.

CLASS SCHEDULE:

Please note that this schedule is tentative and subject to change at professor's discretion.

Week One (Jan. 18 – 20): Introduction/Background

Week Two (Jan. 25 – 27): Information Literacy/Guest Lecture by Dr. Heather Lehto (Geology of Egypt)

Week Three (Feb. 1 – 3): Predynastic and Early Dynastic Egypt

Week Four (Feb. 8 – 10): Old Kingdom Egypt

Week Five (Feb. 15 – 17): The First Intermediate Period

Week Six (Feb. 22 – 24): Middle Kingdom I

EXAM I TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 (GEOLOGY THROUGH FIRST INTERMEDIATE PERIOD)

Week Seven (March 1 – 3): Middle Kingdom II

Week Eight (March 8 – 10): Second Intermediate Period and Early New Kingdom

Week Nine (March 15 – 17): SPRING BREAK

Week Ten (March 22 – 24): New Kingdom I

Week Eleven (March 29 – 31): New Kingdom II (Amarna)

Week Twelve (April 5 – 7): New Kingdom III

EXAM II TUESDAY, APRIL 5 (MIDDLE KINGDOM THROUGH AMARNA)

Week Thirteen (April 12 – 14): New Kingdom IV

Week Fourteen (April 19 – 21): Third Intermediate Period

Week Fifteen (April 26 – 28): The Late Period

Week Sixteen (May 3 – 5): The Ptolemaic Period

Week Seventeen/Finals Week (May 9 – 13): EXAM III TUESDAY, MAY 10, 10:30AM – 12:30PM