

ARTS 4391  
**INDEPENDENT RESEARCH**

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

This course is an independent study section designed to allow you explore the history and manufacture of faience in ancient Egypt. Faience was a type of opaque glass popular in ancient Egypt and throughout the Bronze Age world for small works such as statuettes, amulets, and jewelry. Egyptian faience was often brightly colored, especially turquoise, a color associated closely with fertility, regeneration, and the marshes, and thus served an important symbolic role in the broader realm of Egyptian material culture.

**OBJECTIVES:**

In this class, you'll learn about the history, development, function, and production of faience in ancient Egypt. You'll explore why the Egyptians produced faience and what they used it to represent. You'll research ancient methods for manufacturing faience, as well as modern methods for reproducing this material. As your culminating project, you'll produce your own objects in faience, and reflect upon your experience in a final paper. At the end of this class, you will have developed your skills in research, critical thinking, problem solving, and creative endeavor.

**RECOMMENDED TEXT:**

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

Other readings may be recommended as your research develops.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

Annotated Bibliography: 20%

Faience Objects: 30%

Final Paper: 30%

Participation: 20%

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:

You will be expected to regularly attend ARTS 4381 (The Art of Ancient Egypt, TR 11 – 12:15) to become familiar with the art, architecture, and monuments of ancient Egypt; however, you are not expected to complete any of the coursework for that class. You are responsible for developing your own research for this independent project (finding sources, developing project timeline, etc.). We will meet at least once a month to check in on the progress of the project to ensure its timely completion.

## 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  
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You may also file a report online 24/7 at [www.angelo.edu/incident-form](http://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.

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