

Ancient World Studies

The Ancient World Studies program provides a foundational study of the ancient world, offering students an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary dive into the study of ancient cultures around the globe through religion, art, archaeology, history, philosophy, government, and theater. Students will learn to interpret and analyze the ancient past through different disciplinary lenses but are free to choose their path through the program by selecting elective courses best suited to their interests and goals. The program is designed to work alongside and enhance the liberal arts education by offering a pathway through a Wofford education that allows students to focus on ancient world topics with a global perspective.

The Ancient World Studies program will particularly suit students considering further study in Ancient History, Archaeology, Art History, or Museum Studies, but is also an excellent foundation for careers such as law, medicine, and consulting by providing key transferrable critical thinking and analysis skills. It may suit students who are already dedicated to another major but still harbor an interest in the ancient world. The program is highly flexible to suit students' interests both chronologically and geographically.

Coordinators

David S. Efurd, Art History and Studio Art
Jessica Tomkins, History

The Ancient World Studies program requires five courses from at least three different disciplines. Additionally, two courses must be taken at the 300-level or higher.

Students are highly encouraged to take FREN 202 Intermediate Active French or GER 202 Intermediate Active German to the 202-level or higher.

Program Requirements

Course	Title	Hours
Course Options ¹		15
Select five courses from the following:		
ANTH 201	Introduction to Archaeology and Physical Anthropology	
ANTH 216	Ancient Latin American Archeology	
ANTH 314	Prehistory and History of Native American Culture in the Southeast	
ARTH 201	History of Western Art I	
ARTH 220	Survey of Asian Art History	
ARTH 301	Ancient & Classical Art	
ARTH 321	Art of South Asia	
ARTH 415	Empires & Antiquities	
ENGL 438	Greek & Roman Drama	
or THEA 438	Greek & Roman Drama	
GOV 391	Classical Political Thought	
HIST 100	History of Ancient and Medieval Western Civilization to 1350	
HIST 190	The Ancient Middle East	
HIST 333	Ancient Greece	
HIST 334	Ancient Rome	
HIST 335	Ancient Warfare	

HIST 401	Pyramids and Power: Ancient Egypt to 1500 BCE
HIST 402	Warriors, Queens, & Heretics: Ancient Egypt 1500-30 BCE
PHIL 351	Ancient Western Philosophy
REL 201	The Hebrew Bible
REL 202	The New Testament
REL 222	Introduction to Confucianism
REL 307	The Bible & Human Migration
REL 308	Sex & Bodies in the Hebrew Bible
REL 332	Spirituality & Traditional Chinese Medicine
REL 357	Buddhist Religious Traditions
REL 358	Hindu Religious Traditions
Total Hours	15

¹ Courses offered as a special topic or independent study may apply, but need to be approved by the Coordinator on a case-by-case basis.