

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## ANTH 217: The Rise of Civilization

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

Examines the origins of agriculture and civilization, with special attention to a comparison of long-term cultural developments in the Old World and New World. MnTC Goal 5.

### B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 04/10/2000 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Describe social, scientific and historical approaches to understanding human behavior.
2. Understand appropriate methods to gather, analyze and interpret data
3. Examine social behavior across a range of historical periods and cultures.

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Ability to differentiate and understand the varied theories relating to the origin of civilization.
2. Distinguish the varied paths that diverse civilizations have followed.
3. Comprehend and identify the signatures of multiple civilizations from the Old and New World.
4. Understand how researchers pull together diverse approaches (epigraphy, art, archaeology, geography, history) to explore the roots of civilization.
5. Understand how the concept of civilization is used to disenfranchise other societies.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
3. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
4. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted