

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## HIST 384: Ancient Near East II (Rome)

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 4

Lecture Hours/Week: 4

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This multi-faceted course examines the cultural, political, spiritual, intellectual, and social-economic developments of the ancient Near East, including the Hellenistic World, Persia, North Africa and Rome c. 300 BCE-600 CE. Special topics include politics, empire building, religious cults, Christianization of the late Roman Empire, textual and material sources for the conversion of Constantine, architecture and gender in the Roman world.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 08/24/2009 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Politics/Culture
2. Empire Building
3. Religious Cults
4. Christianization of the Late Roman Empire
5. Conversion of Constantine
6. Architecture
7. Gender

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. To understand the politics, culture and society of the Ancient Near East (c. 300 BCE-300 CE).
2. To train students in important--and interdisciplinary--theoretical paradigms.
3. To train students to utilize texts and material culture in such a way as to be able to demonstrate the lively interaction of textual and material evidence.
4. To promote critical thinking/writing strategies in order to properly decode classical texts.
5. To develop skills in both oral and written communication.
6. To develop skills finding, interpreting and organizing research.

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

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted