

Religion, Gods, and Goddesses of Ancient Egypt

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Course Description

This course will survey the fundamentals of ancient Egyptian religion, from the Predynastic period (ca. 4000 BC) to the end of the New Kingdom (ca. 1000 BC). Material will be covered both diachronically and synchronically. This course offers an examination of intellectual thought and religious life of ancient Egypt, with a particular focus on the major deities, religious centers, and myths.

Prerequisites: Curiosity.

Recommended Textbook

Wilkinson, RH. 2003 or 2017 edition. *The Complete Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Egypt*. Thames & Hudson.

Other works that may be of interest:

Bard, K. 2008 or 2015 edition. *An Introduction to the Archaeology of Ancient Egypt*. Wiley Blackwell.

Pinch, G. 2004. *Egyptian Mythology: A Guide to the Gods, Goddesses, and Traditions of Ancient Egypt*. Oxford University Press.

Lecture & Discussion Topics and Dates

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LECTURE TOPIC</u>	<u>Reading</u>
May 16	Introduction to ancient Egypt & The Afterlife	Bard ch. 1 & 3 (to be provided by professor)
May 23	Nature of the Gods & Creation Myths	Wilkinson ch. 1 & 2
May 30	Emergence of Religion and the Sun God	Wilkinson ch. 3
June 6	Kingship, Osiris, and the Underworld	Wilkinson ch. 4
June 13	Amun and the Aten	Pinch pg, 19-30 (to be provided by professor)