

Ancient Egypt's Greatest Archaeological Sites

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February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28.

Course Description

This course will examine the sites that were most critical to the development of ancient Egyptian civilization and have yielded its most spectacular discoveries. Archaeological sites such as the Pyramids and Great Sphinx of Giza, the Valley of the Kings & King Tutankhamun's tomb, and the treasures of Tanis will be explored and their significance in Egyptian history explained. The course will focus on the archaeological evidence for each site or clustered group of discoveries with an emphasis on the time between the Predynastic Period (ca 4500 BC) and the New Kingdom (ca 1000 BC).

Recommended Textbook

Bard, K. 2015. *An Introduction to the Archaeology of Ancient Egypt*. Second Edition.

Note: the first edition, printed in 2008, is also acceptable, and follows the same chapter numbers as listed in the readings below.

Prerequisites: Curiosity.

Lecture & Discussion Topics and Dates

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LECTURE TOPIC</u>	<u>Reading</u>
28 February	Introduction to ancient Egypt & the Era Before the Pharaohs	Bard ch. 1 & 5
7 March	The Pyramid Age: The Old Kingdom	Bard ch. 6
14 March	The Enlightenment Age of Literature: The Middle Kingdom	Bard ch. 7
21 March	Cultural Apex and a Monotheistic Interruption: The New Kingdom part 1	Bard ch. 8
28 March	A Renaissance & Fall: The New Kingdom part 2	Bard ch. 9