

Minnesota State University Moorhead

ANTH 318: Archaeology and the Bible

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

Review of the archaeological record of Palestine during the time periods represented in the biblical chronology. Subjects highlighted are the Near Eastern origins of agriculture, the rise of urbanism, imperial context of Syria-Palestine, and the history of the peoples of ancient Palestine as known from archaeological materials. MnTC Goal 5.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 09/21/1999 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Description of the constituent books of the bible
2. Documentary hypothesis and related studies
3. Archaeological background in the Near East
4. Chalcolithic, Bronze age and Iron age chronology and cultural developments
5. Relationship of scriptural accounts and archaeological findings
6. New Testament archaeology and Judea in the time of Jesus

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Understand meaning of history in the Bible and recognize the Bible as an historical document.
2. Be able to distinguish major epochs in biblical archaeology, including subdivisions of Bronze and Iron Ages
3. Recognize the relationship of biblical narratives to archaeological finds.
4. Develop a familiarity with terminology of Palestinian archaeology and biblical scholarship.

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.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted