

ORIGINS OF CITIES

**Tues and Thurs 2:15-3:30
NH 156**

INSTRUCTOR

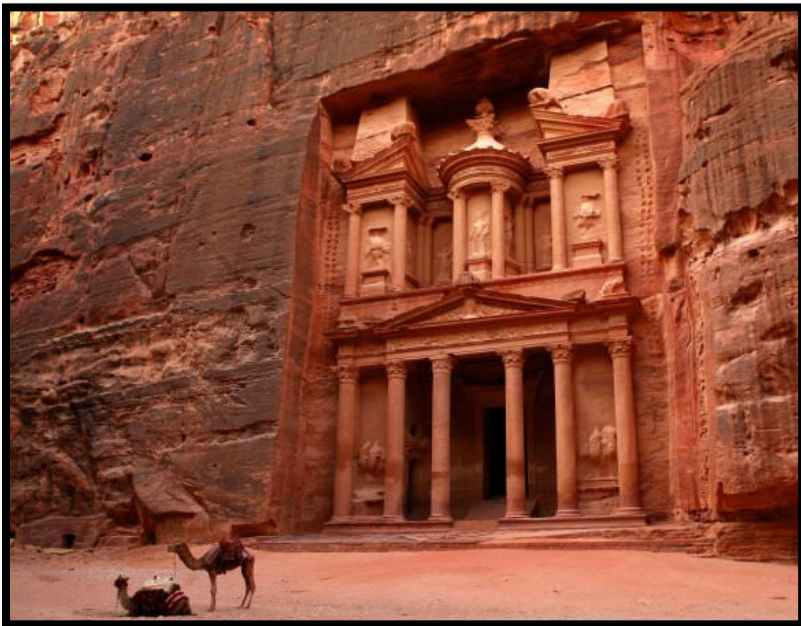
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Course Summary

Urban living is an increasingly common experience for humans across the globe. City life, however, is not strictly a modern phenomenon. This course is a broad introduction to the process of urbanism and the rise of early pre-industrial cities in both the New and Old Worlds. Specific cases from the Near East, Egypt, Indus Valley, China, Mesoamerica, the Andes, and modern North America are examined in order to elucidate the varying roles cities played in ancient civilizations, the specific factors that led to urban development in each area and how this can aid in our current understanding of modern urban life.

Course Goals

This course is designed to explore the similarities and differences of the world’s earliest cities. Students will discover that even though great spans of time separate ancient and modern cities there are commonalities to urban life. In studying ancient cities, we attempt to better recognize not just how cities came about, but that despite the many problems of urban life people continued and continue to flock to cities. One of the main goals of this class is for students to better understand why people were motivated to adopt urban life in different areas of the world. Additionally, it should be remembered that when compared to the long history of humankind, cities are a recent development in social organization with which we continue to experiment through both our failure and success.

Course Requirements

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| 1) | READING SUMMARIES (23 in total) | 23% |
| | These will be a summary of the main themes and arguments of the reading, due on the day assigned before class. Follow specific format. | |
| 2) | EXAMS | |
| | Mid-term (October 20) | 28% |
| | Final exam (December 7-17) | 28% |
| 3) | TERM PAPERS | |
| | Paper #1 Petra (November 1) | 7% |
| | Paper #2 Machu Picchu (December 1) | 7% |

3) **PARTICIPATION**

7%

Attendance will be taken and used in conjunction with your preparedness (did you read the text and articles) and your contributions to class discussions. Class disruptions (talking, tardiness, etc.) will be subtracted and can end up as a negatively score.

Summaries

1.5-2 typed pages double-spaced for the class's readings (1-inch margins, 11 font). These will be a summary of the main themes and arguments of the reading, due on the day assigned before class (no late submissions will be accepted). These are to be in your own words—do not plagiarize the in-text summaries.

Follow specific format. **Use headings.**

Title: (complete bibliographic information; single-spaced)

Summary: (include a detailed summary of the main themes and arguments of the reading; 2/3 text).

Relevance: (Describe how this reading relates to the course and our class discussions; 1/3 of text).

(Summaries are worth 1% each)

Assigned Readings

Each class has been broken down into individual reading assignments that are expected to have been read **prior** to each class. All readings are available on-line or at the Angus L. Macdonald Library

(http://sites.stfx.ca/library/electronic_resources/)

ARTICLE LISTSection 1: Urban Anthropology: The City and Society

- Sabloff, Jeremy A.
2008 Why Cities? In *Archaeology Matters*, pp. 69-77. Left Coast Press, Walnut Creek, CA (Reserve)

Section 2: Origins and Development of Urbanism: Theoretical Perspectives

- Marconis, John J. and Vincent N. Parrillo
2013 Spatial Perspectives: Making Sense of Space, In *Cities and Urban Life*, sixth edition, pp. 149-171. Pearson, Upper Saddle River, NJ. (Reserve)
- Hannigan, John
2010 Analyzing and Interpreting the City: Theory and Method, In *Urban Canada*, second edition, edited by Harry H. Hiller, pp. 40-60. Oxford University Press, Don Mills, Ontario. (Reserve)

Section 3: Origins and Development of Urbanism: Archaeological Perspectives

- Childe, V. Gordon
1950 The Urban Revolution. *Town Planning Review* 21(1):3-17.
<http://www.jstor.org.libproxy.stfx.ca/stable/pdfplus/40102108.pdf>
- Smith, Michael E.
2007 Form and Meaning in the Earliest Cities: A New Approach to Ancient Urban Planning. *Journal of Planning History* 6(1):1-47/
<http://jph.sagepub.com.libproxy.stfx.ca/content/6/1/3.full.pdf+html>

Section 4: Mesopotamia: The First Cities

- Haggis, Donald C.
2002 Before Cities: Village-Farming Communities and the Neolithic Period in the Levant and Anatolia, In *Ancient Cities*, pp. 19-43. Kendall Hunt Publishing Company, Dubuque, Iowa. (Reserve)

- Stein, Gil J
2002 From Passive Periphery to Active Agents: Emerging Perspectives in the Archaeology of Interregional Interaction. *American Anthropologist* 104(3):903-916.
<http://www.jstor.org.libproxy.stfx.ca/stable/pdfplus/3567264.pdf?&acceptTC=true&jpdConfirm=true>
- Lawler, Andrew
2003b Uruk: Spreading Fashion or Empire? *Science* 302(5647):977-978
<http://www.jstor.org.libproxy.stfx.ca/stable/pdfplus/3835637.pdf?&acceptTC=true&jpdConfirm=true>

Section 5: Egypt: A Civilization without Cities?

- Wenke, Robert J.
2007 Origins of Complex Societies in Egypt, In *Patterns in Prehistory*, fifth edition, pp. 368-404. Oxford University Press, Don Mills, Ontario. (Reserve)
- Morell, Virginia
2013 Pyramid Builders, In *Archaeology: Cities, Empires, Religion, Migrations of the Past*, pp. 2-27. National Geographic Learning Reader, Washington D.C. (Reserve)

Section 6: Caravan City: Petra

- Kanellopoulos, [Chrysanthos](#)
2002 Petra: A Royal City Unearthed. *Near Eastern Archaeology* 65 (4):251-254.
(<http://www.jstor.org/stable/pdfplus/3210854.pdf?acceptTC=true>)
- Joukowsky, Martha Sharp
2002 The Petra Great Temple: A Nabataean Architectural Miracle. *Near Eastern Archaeology* 65 (4):235-248.
(<http://www.jstor.org/stable/pdfplus/3210852.pdf>)

Section 7: Social Psychology: The Urban Experience

- Marconis, John J. and Vincent N. Parrillo
2013 Social Psychology, In *Cities and Urban Life*, sixth edition, pp. 202-229. Pearson, Upper Saddle River, NJ. (Reserve)

Section 8: Classical Cities

- Morris, A.E.J.
1994 Greek City States, In *History of Urban Form*. Third edition, pp. 35-54. Longman Press, London (Reserve)
- Métraux, Guy P. R.
2000 Ancient Housing: "Oikos" and "Domus" in Greece and Rome. *Architectural History* 58(3):392-405
<http://www.jstor.org.libproxy.stfx.ca/stable/pdf/991533.pdf>
- Ling, Roger
1990 A Stranger in Town: Finding the Way in an Ancient City. *Greece & Rome*, Second Series, 37(2):204-214.
<http://www.jstor.org.libproxy.stfx.ca/stable/pdfplus/643047.pdf?&acceptTC=true&jpdConfirm=true>

Section 9: Indus Valley and China

- Menon, Shanti
1998 Indus Valley, Inc. *Discover* 19(12):67-71.
<http://search.proquest.com.libproxy.stfx.ca/docview/205986270/fulltextPDF/3E3E4E1A07024C85PQ/67?accountid=13803>
- Duan Chang-Qun, Gan Xue-Chun, Jeanny Wang and Paul K. Chien
1998 Relocation of Civilization Centers in Ancient China: Environmental Factors. *Ambio*, 27(7):572-575

<http://www.jstor.org.libproxy.stfx.ca/stable/pdfplus/4314793.pdf?&acceptTC=true&jpdConfirm=true>

Section 10: Urbanism in the Americas: Ancient Andes

- Topic, John R.
2003 From Stewards to Bureaucrats: Architecture and Information Flow at Chan Chan, Peru. *Latin American Antiquity* 14(3):243-274.
http://www.jstor.org.libproxy.stfx.ca/stable/pdf/3557559.pdf?_=1469899612928
- von Hagen, Adriana and Craig Morris
1998 City and Countryside in the Inka Empire, In *The Cities of Ancient Andes*, pp. 160-198. Thames and Hudson, London. (Reserve)
- Morris, Craig and von Hagen, Adriana
2011 Antisuyu: The Road to Machu Picchu and Beyond, In *The Incas*, pp. 186-209. Thames and Hudson, London. (Reserve)

Section 11: Urbanism in the Americas: Ancient Mesoamerica

- Nielsen, Jesper and Christophe Helmke
2008 Spearthrower Owl Hill: A Toponym at Atetelco, Teotihuacan. *Latin American Antiquity* 19 (4):459-474.
<http://www.jstor.org.libproxy.stfx.ca/stable/pdfplus/25478244.pdf>
- Smith, Michael
2000 Aztec City States. In *A Comparative Study of Thirty City-State Cultures*, edited by Mogens Herman Hansen, pp. 581-595. The Royal Danish Academy of Science and Letters, Copenhagen.
<http://www.public.asu.edu/~mesmith9/1-CompleteSet/MES-00-CityStates.pdf>

Section 12: Urban Anthropology and the Ancient City

- Smith, Michael
2010 Sprawl, Squatters and Sustainable Cities: Can Archaeological Data Shed Light on Modern Urban Issues? *Cambridge Archaeology Journal* 20(2):229-253.
<http://www.public.asu.edu/~mesmith9/1-CompleteSet/MES-10-CAJ-SprawlSquatters.pdf>

Grading Policy

If a student misses an exam it will be possible to write a make-up exam, but the illness or emergency must be documented promptly. Handing in exercises late will result in losing 25% for each day. Late Assignments should be handed in to the departmental secretary (JBB 208) to be time stamped. Do not slide it under my door! Cheating and plagiarism will be dealt with in strict accordance to the StFX's Academic regulations (http://www.sites.stfx.ca/registrars_office/academic_integrity).

Special Accommodations

I encourage students that require special testing accommodations or other classroom modifications to talk with me after class or during my office hours. You must provide documentation of your disability within two weeks from the start of the course. This can be obtained by contacting the program coordinator (902) 867-2370.

Communication

All students have a StFX e-mail account, which must be checked regularly as notices and information pertaining to the course will be sent electronically. Make sure all electronic correspondence sent to me is to my university e-mail address (mhaller@stfx.ca).

Website:

Handouts and syllabus are available on my website: <http://people.stfx.ca/mhaller/>

MONTH	DAY	Class #	TOPIC	READINGS	HAND OUT	DUE (in class)	
SEPT	6	1	Introduction				
SEPT	8	2	Introduction				
SEPT	13	3	Urban Anthropology: The City and Society	Sabloff 2008			
SEPT	15	4	Origins and Development of Urbanism: Theoretical Perspectives	Marcionis and Parrillo 2013:Chapter 2			
SEPT	20	5	Origins and Development of Urbanism: Theoretical Perspectives	Hannigan 2010			
SEPT	22	6	Origins and Development of Urbanism: Archaeological Perspectives	Childe 1950			
SEPT	27	7	Origins and Development of Urbanism: Archaeological Perspectives	Smith 2007			
SEPT	29	8	Early Settlements: Jericho and Çatal Hüyük	Haggis 2002			
OCT	4	9	Mesopotamia: The First Cities	Stein 2002; Lawler 2003			
OCT	6	10	Egypt: A Civilization without Cities?	Wenke 2007			
OCT	11	11	Egypt: Giza	Morell 2013	Petra Paper		
OCT	13	12	Caravan City: Petra	Kanellopoulos 2002			
OCT	18	13	Caravan City: Petra	Joukowsky 2002			
OCT	20	14	MID-TERM EXAM				
OCT	25	15	Social Psychology: The Urban Experience	Macionis and Parrillo 2013:Chapter 8			
OCT	27	16	Classical Cities: Greek City States	Morris 1994			
NOV	1	17	Classical Cities: Greece and Rome	Metraux 2000		Petra Paper	
NOV	3	18	Classical Cities: Pompeii	Ling 1990			
NOV	8	19	Indus Valley: Mohenjo Daro	Menon 1998	Machu Picchu Paper		
NOV	10	20	China: Urbanism on the Yellow River	Duan et al. 1998			
NOV	15	21	Andes: Cuzco	Topic 2003			
NOV	17	22	Andes: Machu Picchu	Von Hagen and Morris 1998			
NOV	22	23	Andes: Machu Picchu	Morris and Von Hagen 2011			
NOV	24	24	Mesoamerica: Teotihuacan	Nielsen and Helmke 2008			
NOV	29	25	Mesoamerica: Aztec City States	Smith 2000			
DEC	1	26	Urban Anthropology and the Ancient City	Smith 2010		Machu Picchu Paper	
DEC	7 to 17		FINAL EXAM				