

COURSE OUTLINE
ARTT/HIST 906
The Art and Culture of Ancient Egypt
3 Credits

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

This course surveys the culture and history of Ancient Egypt through its art, sculpture, and architecture. The course covers Ancient Egypt's history from the unification through the end of its empire period. Throughout, the student will study the major artifacts which allow us to form a picture of Ancient Egypt's culture.

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Describe the impact of the geographic environment on Egyptian culture.
2. Identify the major periods of Ancient Egypt's history.
3. Analyze the artistic and architectural structures and styles of the various periods.
4. Describe the major economic, political, and cultural patterns of the various dynasties.
5. Understand the canon of Egyptian art.
6. Discuss the religion of the Ancient Egyptians and its changes over time.
7. Recognize how monumental art promoted the power and prestige of the pharaoh.
8. Describe the literature of Ancient Egypt and its genres.

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The Geographic Environment

The Early Cultures of Egypt

The Unification under Menes

Early Dynastic Culture

The Old Kingdom

- Tomb Art
- Development of the Pyramid
- Power of the Pharaoh
- Decline of Power

The First Intermediate Period

- Civil Unrest
- An Age of Anxiety

The Middle Kingdom

- Resurgence of Central Authority
- Literary Development
- Art and Sculpture

The Second Intermediate Period

- The Hyksos
- The End of Egypt's Isolation

The New Kingdom

- Resurgence of Egyptian Authority
- Art and Architecture
- The Aton Heresy
- The Spread of Empire
- The Meaning of King Tut
- Decline

Texts

Aldred, Cyril. Egyptian Art. London: Thames and Hudson, 1980.

Hornung, Erik. History of Ancient Egypt. New York: Cornell University Press, 1999.

Course Requirements:

Exam 1	100 points
Exam 2	100 points
One real research paper	200 points
Attendance & participation	<u>100 points</u>
Total	500 points

Grading:

A	450 – 500 points
B	400 – 449 points
C	350 – 399 points
D	300 – 349 points

Less than 300