

## Faculty of Arts and Letters



### GLOR1512 Culture and Civilization of the Near East and Ancient Egypt I

[30h] 3 credits

This two-yearly course is taught in 2007-2008, 2009-2010,...

This course is taught in the 1st semester

**Teacher(s):** René Lebrun, Claude Obsomer  
**Language:** French  
**Level:** First cycle

#### Aims

This course, designed as an introduction to the ancient Near-Eastern and Egyptian civilisations, aims at giving students an overview of the main religious beliefs of these societies.

#### Main themes

The course first provides a comprehensive overview of the main monuments from the Near East and Ancient Egypt. Next, the pantheons and tales of mythology provide a way into the study of the religions in these civilisations and this is backed up by a study of specific themes, including temple rituals, funeral texts and belief in the after-life.

#### Content and teaching methods

The course deals with the ancient Near-Eastern (Asia Minor, Syria and Mesopotamia) and Pharaonic Egyptian civilisations. Introduction to art and religion: cosmogonic and pantheonic myths; temple rituals; funeral texts and belief in the after-life. The emphasis placed on each aspect of the topics will depend on its importance to the civilisation under investigation, particularly in the field of religious thought.

#### Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Course entry requirements: none.

Evaluation: Students will be assessed orally at the end of the year on their knowledge of the course and their required reading

Course material: A summary of the course and a bibliography will be provided. The course is richly illustrated.

#### Other credits in programs

<b>HORI12BA</b>	Deuxième année de bachelier en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation orientales	(3 credits)
<b>HORI13BA</b>	Troisième année de bachelier en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation orientales	(3 credits)