This interdisciplinary major in the cultures of ancient Greece and Rome, Judaism, early Christianity, and early Islam, as well as their antecedents, explores these traditions both for their intrinsic interest and for the contributions each has made to contemporary Western society. Our combined focus on ancient cultural history in its broadest sense and on perspectives offered by cultural criticism enables students to examine the beginnings of the civilization in which they now participate.

Courses for this major address common questions about the transmission and transformation of cultures in the ancient Mediterranean world. Students examine sources, such as texts and artifacts that illuminate the process. They study how shifting cultural centers and frontiers in this world are delineated, and they explore the general integration and disintegration of specific ancient cultures. This major also offers opportunities for archaeological fieldwork and study abroad.

Rice is a sponsor of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, the American School of Oriental Research, the American Academy in Rome, the American Research Center in Sofia, and the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome. Students majoring in Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations are encouraged to study in these programs as well as in the College Year in Athens program.

**Bachelor’s Program**

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations

Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations does not currently offer an academic program at the graduate level.

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**Ancient Mediterranean Civil (AMCI)**

**AMCI 238 - SPECIAL TOPICS**

- **Short Title:** SPECIAL TOPICS
- **Department:** Ancient Mediterranean Civil
- **Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
- **Course Type:** Internship/Practicum, Lecture, Seminar, Laboratory
- **Credit Hours:** 1-4
- **Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
- **Course Level:** Undergraduate Lower-Level
- **Description:** Topics and credit hours may vary each semester. Contact department for current semester’s topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

**AMCI 400 - DIRECTED HONORS RESEARCH**

- **Short Title:** AMC HONORS THESIS
- **Department:** Ancient Mediterranean Civil
- **Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
- **Course Type:** Research
- **Credit Hours:** 3
- **Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
- **Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level
- **Description:** In this two semester course an AMCI student will write an honors thesis under the direction of an AMCI faculty member. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

**AMCI 477 - SPECIAL TOPICS**

- **Short Title:** SPECIAL TOPICS
- **Department:** Ancient Mediterranean Civil
- **Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
- **Course Type:** Internship/Practicum, Lecture, Laboratory, Seminar
- **Credit Hours:** 1-4
- **Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
- **Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level
- **Description:** Topics and credit hours may vary each semester. Contact department for current semester’s topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.
Description and Code Legend

Note: Internally, the university uses the following descriptions, codes, and abbreviations for this academic program. The following is a quick reference:

Course Catalog/Schedule
- Course offerings/subject code: Courses from various subjects may apply towards this program

Program Description and Code
- Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations: AMCI

Undergraduate Degree Description and Code
- Bachelor of Arts degree: BA

Undergraduate Major Description and Code
- Major in Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations: AMCI

CIP Code and Description
- AMCI Major/Program: CIP Code/Title: 30.2202 - Classical, Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies and Archaeology

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