

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND CULTURE

Course Type (Please tick appropriate box):

Major	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Discipline Specific Core	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ability Enhancement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Multidisciplinary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Skill Enhancement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value Added	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Course Title: The Ancient World: From the Earliest Times till the 5th Century AD

Semester:1

Total Credits : 4

Maximum Marks : 100 No of seats: 60

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Prerequisites: This course is only for students who are admitted to FYUGP programme with History as their Major discipline.

Special Requirements (if any): NIL

Expected Learning Outcomes: Through this course students will develop an understanding of the following:

- What are the various stages in the human evolution
- What led to the transition from hunting-gathering to food producing societies?
- How civilization took roots in certain parts of the world?
- What led to the development of state and how it changed over a period of time?

What are empires and the imperial strategies of expansion, integration and exploitation adopted by them?

Course Syllabus (Unit wise):

UNIT-I

FORAGERS, SCAVENGERS, AND HUNTERS IN PRE-HISTORY

1. Studying Ancient World: Sources and Methods
2. Human Evolution; Understanding Foragers, Scavengers, and Hunters through Anthropology
3. Early Forms of Social Organization, Technology and Exchange

UNIT-II

FOOD PRODUCING SOCIETIES

4. Domestication of Plants and Animals : Theories and models
5. Archaeological Profile of Early Food Producing Communities in Old and New World
6. Socio-Economic and Cultural Changes in Agriculture Communities

UNIT-III

THE BRONZE AGE COMPLEXITY AND THE ORIGIN OF CIVILIZATION

7. Understanding Complex Societies: Classical and Contemporary Theories
8. Archaeology of the Complex Societies: Emergence of Wealth and Status Differentials
9. Emergence of Civilization in South West Asia: A Case Study

UNIT-IV

EMERGENCE OF EMPIRES

10. Strategies of Expansion, Integration, and Exploitation in Early Empires in South West Asia
11. The Making of Athenian Empire
12. Rome: Making and Unmaking of an Empire

REFERENCES BOOKS:

Essential Readings:

1. Amar Farooqi, *Ancient Social Formations*, Manak Publication, Delhi, 2001. **(also in Hindi)**,
2. Brian M. Fagan and Nadia Durrani, *Peoples of the Earth: An Introduction to World Prehistory*, 16th Edition, Routledge, 2023.
3. F. Engels, *The Origin of Family, Private Property and the State*, ed. E. Leacock, Routledge, London, 1972. **(Also in Hindi)**
4. L. De Blois and R. J. Van Der Spek, *An Introduction to the Ancient World*, (Second Edition), Routledge, New York, 2008.
5. Lewis Henry. Morgan, *Ancient Society*, 1877.
6. Perry Anderson, *Passages from Antiquity to Feudalism*, NLB, London, 1978.
7. Robert F. Wenke and Deborah J. Olszewski, *Patterns in Prehistory: Humankind's First Three Million Years*, fifth edition, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2007. (Text Book)
8. V. Gordon Childe, *Man Makes Himself*, With an Introduction by Sally Green, Bradford on-Avon, Moonraker, Wiltshire, 1981. (Also in Hindi)
9. V. Gordon Childe, *What Happened in History*, Penguin, Baltimore, 1942 **(Also in Hindi)**

Suggested Readings

Unit-I

1. E. Leacock and R. Lee (eds.), *Politics and History in Band Societies*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1982.
2. Ehrenberg, *Women in Prehistory*, University of Oklahoma, London 1988.
3. F. Dahlberg, *Women the Gatherer*, Cambridge University Press, London, 1981.
4. R.B. Lee and Irven D Vore (eds.), *Man The Hunter*, Aldine Publishing Company, Chicago, 1968.
5. Radcliff Brown, *TheAndman Islander: A Study of Social Anthropology*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1922.
6. Daryll Forde, *Habitat, Economy and Society: A Geographical Introduction to Ethnology*, Methulen, London, 1962.
7. S. Belshaw, *Traditional Exchange and Modern Markets*, Prentice Hall, New York, 1965.
8. Archer, S. Fischler and M. Wyke (eds.) *Women in Ancient Societies, An Illusion of the Night*, Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke, 1994.

9. Gero and M. Conkey (eds) *Engendering Archaeology: Women and Prehistory*, Blackwell, Oxford, 1990.

Unit-II

1. Barbara Bender, *Farming in Prehistory: From Hunter-Gather to Food-Producer*, John Baker, London, 1975.
2. Charles A. Reed, ed., *The Origins of Agriculture*, Mouton, The Hague, 1977.
3. D. R. Harris and G. Hillman (eds.), *Foraging and Farming: The Evolution of Plant Exploitation*, Unwin Hyman, London, 1989.
4. David Rindos, *The Origins of Agriculture: An Evolutionary Perspective*, Academic Press, New York, 1984.
5. D. R. Harris (ed.) *The Origin and Spread of Agriculture and Pastoralism in Eurasia: Crops, Fields, Flocks and Herds*, Routledge, London, 1966.
6. G. Dalton (ed), *Tribal and Peasant Economies: Readings in Economic Anthropology*, The Natural History Press, New York, 1967.
7. J. Middleton and D. Tait (eds.), *Tribes without Rulers*, Routledge, London, 1958.
8. M. D. Sahlins, *Tribesmen*, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 1969.
9. J. Mellart, *Neolithic of the Near East*, Thames and Hudson, London, 1977.

Unit-III

1. Brendan O'Leary, *The Asiatic Mode of Production: Oriental Despotism, Historical Materialism and Indian History*, Blackwell, Oxford, 1989.
2. D.T. Potts, *Mesopotamian Civilization: The Material Foundation*, The Athlone Press, London, 1997.
3. George Roux, *Ancient Iraq*, Third Edition, Penguin Books, Harmondsworth, 1992.
4. H.J.M. Claessen and P. Skalnik (eds.), *The Early State*, Mouton Publishers, The Hague, 1978.
5. J. Gledhill, B. Bender and M.J. Larsen (eds.), *State and Society: The Emergence and Development of Social Hierarchy and Political Centralization*, Unwin Hyman, London, 1988.
6. J. N. Postgate, *Early Mesopotamia: Society and Economy at the Dawn of History*, Routledge, London, 1992
7. Karl A. Wittfogel, *Oriental Despotism: A Comparative Study of Total Power*, Yale University Press, Harvard, 1970.

8. Lawrence Krader, *The Asiatic Mode of Production: Sources, Development in the Writings of Karl Marx*, Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1989.
9. McGuire Gibson, Robert D. Biggs (eds.), *The Organization of Power, Aspects of Bureaucracy in Ancient Near East*, Oriental Institute of Chicago, Chicago, 1991.

Unit-IV

1. A. H. M. Jones, *Athenian Democracy*, Basil Blackwell, Oxford, 1969.
2. A. H. M. Jones, *The Decline of the Ancient World*, Longman, New York, 1966.
3. A. H. M. Jones, *The Roman Economy: Studies in Ancient Economic and Administrative History*, Blackwell, Oxford, 1974.
4. Antony Andrews, *Greek Society*, Penguin, Harmondsworth, 1991.
5. C. G. Starr, *The Economic and Social Growth of Early Greece, 800-500 B.C.*, Oxford University Press, New York, 1977.
6. E. M. Balsden, *Rome: The Story of Empire*, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, London, 1971.
7. G. E. M. de Ste Croix, *The Class Struggle in the Ancient Greek World*, Cornell University Press, Ithaca, 1987.
8. Geza Alföldy, *The Social History of Rome*, Groom Helm, London, 1985.
9. Ian Morris and Walter Scheidel (eds), *The Dynamics of Ancient Empires: State Power from Assyria to Byzantium*, OUP, 2009.
10. K. Polanyi et. al, *Trade and Market in Early Empires*, The Free Press, Glencoe, 1957.
11. M. I. Finley, *Ancient Economy*, University of California Press, Berkley, 1973.
12. M.I. Finley, *Politics in Ancient World*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1983.
13. S. N. Eisenstadt, *The Decline of Empires*, Prentice-Hall, New Jersey, 1967.

Course Title: HISTORY OF INDIA: PREHISTORY TO 8TH CENTURY CE

Semester: BA (H) I Sem.

Total Credits: 4

Maximum Marks: 75 UE+25 IA= 100

No of seats: 60

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Prerequisites: N/A

Special Requirements (if any): N/A

Expected Learning Outcomes: On completion of the course the students will be able to:

- understand the basics of early Indian political formations.
- grasp the social and economic transitions pertaining to the period of study.
- comprehend the genesis and progression of religious cults.
- analyse the growth of aesthetic cultures and material heritage.

Course Syllabus (Unit wise):

UNIT I

PRE-HISTORIC AND PROTO-HISTORIC INDIA

1. Historical Geography. The importance of Sources.
2. Transformations from hunting gathering to food producing communities.
3. Chalcolithic Cultures and facets of Harappan Urbanization.

UNIT II

SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS FORMATIONS

1. Aryan Migrations. Early Vedic Society. Later Vedic Transformations.
2. Iron Age and growth of Territorial State Formations.
3. Emergence of heterodox sects.

UNIT III

RISE OF NEW POWERS

1. Mauryan Empire.
2. Post-Mauryan political powers.
3. Socio-economic and Cultural transformations during post Mauryan period.
4. South India in Sangam Age.

UNIT IV

SOCIETY AND CULTURE DURING 300 CE-800 CE

1. The Imperial Guptas.
2. The Feudalism Debate.
3. Political and Economic Developments in South India.

References Books:

Specific Readings

Unit I

- Chakrabarti, Dilip K. (2006). *The Oxford Companion to Indian Archaeology: The Archaeological Foundations of Ancient India, Stone Age to AD 13th Century*. Delhi: OUP, chaps. 2, 3-5.
- Childe, V. Gordon. ([1936] 2017). *Man Makes Himself*. Delhi: Aakar Books.
- Lahiri, Nayanjot. (2005). *Finding Forgotten Cities: How the Indus Civilization was Discovered*. New Delhi: Permanent Black.
- Lal, B.B. (1997). *The Earliest Civilization of South Asia (Rise, Maturity and Decline)*. New Delhi: Aryan Books International.
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- Thapar, Romila. (2000). 'Society and Historical Consciousness: The Itihasa Purana Tradition'. In *Cultural Pasts: Essays in Early Indian History*. New Delhi: OUP, 123-154.

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- Chakrabarti, Dilip K. (1992). *The Early Use of Iron in India*. Delhi: OUP.
- Chakravarti, Uma. (1987). *The Social Dimensions of Early Buddhism*. Delhi: OUP.
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- Roy, Kumkum. (1990). (ed.) *Women in Early Indian Societies*. New Delhi: Manohar.
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- Sahu, Bhairabi Prasad. (2006). (ed.) *Iron and Social Change in Early India*. Oxford in India Readings: Debates in Indian History and Society. Delhi: OUP.
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- Srinivas, M.N. (1992). 'Varna and Caste'. In Dipankar Gupta. (ed.) *Social Stratification*. Delhi: OUP, 28-34.

UNIT III

- Allen, Charles. (2013). *Ashoka: The Search for India's Lost Emperor*. Delhi: Abacus.
- Hart, George L. (1975). *The Poems of the Ancient Tamils: Their Milieu and their Sanskrit Counterparts*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Huntingford, G.W.B. (1980). *The Periplus of the Erythraean Sea*. London: Hakluyt Society.
- Kangle, R.P. (1965). *The Kautiliya Arthashastra. English Translation with Critical and Explanatory Notes (Part III)*. Bombay: University of Bombay.
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- Lahiri, Nayanjot. (1992). *The Archeology of Indian Trade Routes (up to c. 200 BC)*. Delhi: OUP.
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- Mukund, Kanakalatha. (2012). *The World of the Tamil Merchant: Pioneers of International Trade. The Story of Indian Business*. Delhi: Penguin Random.

Olivelle, Patrick. (2006). (ed.) *Between the Empires: Society in India 300 BCE to 400 CE*. Oxford and New York: OUP.

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UNIT IV

Champakalakshmi, R. (2010). *Trade, Ideology and Urbanization: South India 300 BC to AD 1300*. New Delhi: OUP.

Chattopadhyaya, B. (1994). *The Making of Early Medieval India*. Oxford: OUP.

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