

J-TERM 2026

RELIGIONS OF THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN GREECE



COURSE OPTION

RELI 215 (RL, VW, GE)

PREREQUISITES

2.0 minimum GPA

CREDIT

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APPLICATION

- Apply online at studyaway.plu.edu
- Application Requirements:
 - \$50 non-refundable application fee
 - Application questions
 - 3 short-answer essays (250 words each)
 - 1 faculty recommendation
 - Following the online application process, you may be contacted by the faculty leader(s) for an interview
- April 15th: Application Deadline
- May 2nd: Decision Date

PROGRAM FEE

- Final program fee will be determined April 1, 2025. Check studyaway.plu.edu for pricing and details about inclusions and exclusions.
- * Global Scholar Award eligible (25% reduction of program fee)

COURSE OVERVIEW

In the bottom of the Aegean Sea a shipwreck was discovered dating to the Late Bronze Age. The goods it carried were so varied that it is impossible to identify the origin of the ship. Its cargo was truly international. In the 1300 BCE, trade was a result of diplomacy and diplomacy was regulated by religion. Humans believed that all duties were duties to the gods and all events had deity as their cause. Our research shows that three thousand years ago humans were living productively in a religiously pluralistic society. Religion was an agent of unity. It enabled the ancient Mediterranean cultures to participate in and enjoy the advantages of a religiously diverse community. In this class, we will examine how the religions of Egypt, Mesopotamia, Anatolia, Syria-Palestine, and Greece shaped the ancient Mediterranean world.

Why study Bronze Age religion in Greece?

Bronze Age is a fascinating time particularly from the point of view of Religion and Religion Pluralism. Fortunately, one can study this topic in Greece where Bronze Age sites are preserved in remarkably good condition and where there is a wealth of archaeological finds beautifully displayed in world-class museums.

FACULTY LEADER

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