

## 61259 - Religions in the Ancient World

### Información del Plan Docente

<b>Academic Year</b>	2016/17
<b>Academic center</b>	103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras
<b>Degree</b>	553 - Master's in the Ancient World and Archaeological Heritage
<b>ECTS</b>	4.0
<b>Course</b>	1
<b>Period</b>	First semester
<b>Subject Type</b>	Optional
<b>Module</b>	---

### **1.Basic info**

#### **1.1.Recommendations to take this course**

#### **1.2.Activities and key dates for the course**

### **2.Initiation**

#### **2.1.Learning outcomes that define the subject**

#### **2.2.Introduction**

### **3.Context and competences**

#### **3.1.Goals**

#### **3.2.Context and meaning of the subject in the degree**

#### **3.3.Competences**

#### **3.4.Importance of learning outcomes**

### **4.Evaluation**

### **5.Activities and resources**

#### **5.1.General methodological presentation**

See "Learning activities " and "Syllabus".

More information will be provided on the first day of class.

#### **5.2.Learning activities**

- Theoretical lectures.
- Practical lectures.
- Individual work.

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- Personal study.
- Assessment activities.

### 5.3.Program

#### Theory (15h.).

1. Identity, ethnicity, culture and religion. Methodological considerations.
2. Kingship as a symbolic expresión of social identity: Egypt and Mesopotamia.
3. Ancient Israel: An exclusive identity within a national religious system.
4. Mazdeism as an expresión of Iranian identity.
5. Locative religion and civic identity in the Greek *polis* and in the Roman *res publica* .
6. Hellenistico-Roman religious pluralism: Compromise and problems in the context of multiple identities. Local systems and imperial globalization.
7. Image and reality of magic as religious alterity.
8. The construction of Christian identity: universalistic exclusivism and demonization of the ancient cults.

#### Practice (15h.).

1. Iconography of kingship in the Ancient Near East: Egypt and Mesopotamia.
2. Persepolis and Nasq-i-Rustam.
3. Heroes' cult: Identity and difference. The Altar of Zeus in Pergamum.
4. *Ara Pacis* and *Forum Augustum* .
5. Texts and images of religious cosmopolitanism in the Roman Empire.
6. Magical papyri, gems and *defixiones* .
7. Libanius of Antiochia and John Chrisostome: two discourses on religious identity in the debate between "Pagans" and Christians.
8. Examples of symbolic appropriation in the transit from traditional religious systems to Christianity: from Aphrodisias to Sagalassos.
9. Exposition of monographic topics by the students.

#### Outdoor activities (30h.).

Readings and scientific work of the students to write the essays of the topics selected.

### 5.4.Planning and scheduling

See the academic calendar of the University of Zaragoza (<http://academico.unizar.es/calendario-academico/calendario>) and the website of the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts ( *Schedule of classes* : <https://fyl.unizar.es/horario-de-clases#overlay-context=horario-de-clases>; Examination schedule: <https://fyl.unizar.es/calendario-de-examenes#overlay-context=>)

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