



University
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Greek & Roman
Studies

Greek and Roman Studies 381: Greek and Roman Religion

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MTh 11:30 a.m.-12:50 p.m.

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GRS 381 provides a cultural history of Greek and Roman religion. The course surveys Greek and Roman religious beliefs and practices, including such topics as concepts of the divine, forms of worship, sacred spaces, and divinatory practices. The course considers the successful adaptation of Greek and Roman polytheism to changing social circumstances and explores the mystery religions, including Christianity, that rose to prominence in the Roman Empire.

- learn current scholarly approaches to studying religion in the ancient world
- study the varied beliefs and practices characteristic of Greek and Roman religion
- examine sanctuaries and other material remains of Greek and Roman religion
- explore how Greeks and Romans dealt with life's mysteries and sought meaning from interacting with—or questioning—the divine

No prerequisites. Cross-listed as RCS 200.

