Visiting Professor Program
Academic year 2022/2023

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 24 hours

**COURSE TITLE**

*History of Science in Antiquity*

**TEACHING PERIOD**

1st term

**SCIENTIFIC AREA**

Assyriology

**LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH**

English

**COURSE SUMMARY**

This course offers an overview of the origins of science in ancient Mesopotamia and its important legacy in Greece and the Greco-Roman tradition. The material focuses on knowledge of the sun, moon, planets, stars, and cosmos in the traditions of the ancient Middle East and of Classical and Hellenistic Greece.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

Understanding the nature of scientific knowledge in antiquity, the rudiments of observational astronomy, highlights of cosmology and ways of constructing world order in Babylonian as well as Greek and Hellenistic Greco-Roman intellectual cultures. Students will read excerpts from texts in translation, such as the Babylonian MUL.APIN, Enuma Anu Enlil and Enuma Elish, and the Greek philosophical texts important for cosmology, such as Plato’s Timaeus and Aristotle’s De Caelo.

**TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES**

N/A
LAB ACTIVITIES
N/A

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE
N/A

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE
The Visiting Professor will be an assyriologist who is expert in history of science in the ancient world not only limited to Mesopotamia but including Greece and neighboring areas. The VP must have an excellent track and publication record with outstanding international experience.

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