

# CLAS 140/HIST 140-2

## The Archaeology of Urbanism: Cities, Settlements, and Villages



**.25 Course**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 8 Weeks**  
**Spring**  
**Semester**  
**10:00-10:50**  
**MWF**



This course offers an introduction to the archaeology of urban or city development as reconstructed from the material and textual evidence of civilizations from across the globe. Open to all students.

This course is an introductory survey of the urban centers of the ancient Near Eastern, Egyptian and Mediterranean worlds. We will begin with the earliest known settlements, ca. 7000 BC, and trace urbanization as far as, perhaps, the modern era. Possible topics include planned vs. organic urban sites, the role of topography, and cities as centers of power, religious ritual, mass residence and elite patronage. Cities examined will be drawn from Central Asia, Southeast Asia, Central, South and North America, and the Mediterranean.

Emphasis will be placed on comparing the characteristics of urbanism and the archaeological evidence for urbanization in different cultures from around the world.

