

INTG305 Sacred Places

Sacred Places Past and Present focuses on a number of important religious sites in the ancient Mediterranean and in the modern world. In this course we will compare and contrast these holy places and consider what makes them sacred. You will be challenged to compare these sacred places to your own sense of spatial sacredness. We will examine the geography of the place, its history, its religious rituals, etc. The course will approach these sacred places from a variety of perspectives including texts, painting, sculpture and archaeology.

Meets three hours a week for the entire semester (1 credit)

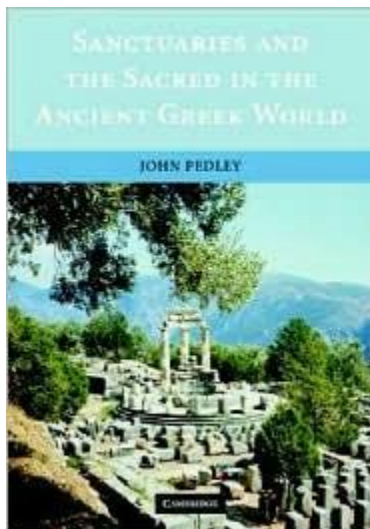
Instructor: Sienkewicz

Meeting Times: TTh 9:30-10:45

Some of the topics to be discussed include:

- **the sense of the sacred in human life**
- **the divine and the sacred**
- **relationship between space and sacredness**
- **the relationship between sacred space and ritual**
- **the characteristics of a sacred place**
- **the individual and sacred space**
- **society and sacred space**
- **the relationship between culture and sacred space**
- **sacred texts and sacred spaces**

Required Text:



Pedley, John

Sanctuaries and the Sacred in the Ancient Greek World

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