Architecture of the ancient Mediterranean and its cross-cultural Identity.

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This course serves as an introduction to the architecture and urban history of the ancient Mediterranean. Starting with the Phoenician and Greek presence in the West, it will emphasize the Roman and post-Roman age, and will conclude with the early Islamic period. The course will discuss architecture as a vehicle for political, religious, and social messages, and will analyze specific structures by looking at the use of materials, building techniques and the relationship between form and function. The geographical focus of the course will be mostly on Italy, northern Africa, Greece, and Asia Minor within the chronological frame of ca. 800 BCE - ca. 750 CE.