Course Syllabus

Code - Course Title	**ARK514 - The Cult of Earth Goddess in Antique Ages**
Course Type	II. SEMESTER
Laboratory + Practice	2+2
ECTS	**6.0**
Language of Instruction	Türkçe
Course Type	Elective Courses
Course Instructor(s)	PROF. DR. FERİŞTAH ALANYALI

Mode of Delivery	The mode of delivery of this course is Face to face
Place of Delivery	On Campus
Used Educational Platforms	Face-to-face
Prerequisites	There is no prerequisite or co-requisite for this course.
Courses Recomended	There is no recommended optional programme component for this course.
Recommended Resources	L. E. Roller, In Search of God the Mother, The Cult Anatolian Cybele (1999); L. E. Roller, Ana Tantıça'nın İzinde, Anadolu Kybele Kültü (2004); 2053. M. J. Vermaseren, Mithras, Geschichte eies Kultes (1965); M. J. Vermaseren, Corpus Cultus Cybelae Attidisque, I Asia Minor (1987); M. J. Vermaseren, Corpus Cultus Cybelae Attidisque, II. Graecia Atque Insulae (1982); M. J. Vermaseren, Corpus Cultus Cybelae Attidisque, III. Italia-Latium (1977); M. J. Vermaseren, Corpus Cultus Cybelae Attidisque, IV. Italia – Aliae Provinciae (1978); M. J. Vermaseren, Corpus Cultus Cybelae Attidisque, V. Aegyptus, Africa, Hispania, Gallia et Britania (1986); M. J. Vermaseren, Corpus Cultus Cybelae Attidisque, VI. Germania, Reatia, Noricum, Pannonia, Dalmatia, Macedonia, Tharcia, Moesia, Dacia, Regnum Bospori, Colchis, Scythia et Sarmatia (1989); M. J. Vermaseren, Corpus Cultus Cybelae Attidisque, VII. Musea et Collectiones Privatae (1977); M. J. Vermaseren, Cybele and Attis, The Myth and Cult (1977)
Work Placement	N/A

Aims of the Course	The aim of this course is to provide students with comprehensive knowledge regarding the place and significance of the Mother Goddess belief in the Anatolian, Aegean, and Mediterranean worlds by examining the emergence, historical development, and religious and social functions of the Mother Goddess cult in Antiquity in light of archaeological, iconographic, epigraphic, numismatic, and ancient written sources. In this context, the course aims to evaluate the development of female and goddess representations from prehistoric periods to the Roman Imperial Period, their relationship with the concepts of fertility, abundance, nature, and protection, and the reflections of the Mother Goddess belief across different cultures. Specifically, it is intended to examine the origins, iconographic characteristics, cult practices, rituals, and sacred sites of Cybele, Kubaba, and other local goddess cults in Anatolia, and to establish the relationships between these cults and the beliefs of Meter Theon and Magna Mater in the Greek and Roman worlds. Furthermore, the regional differences of the Mother Goddess cult, the transformations it underwent as a result of cultural interactions, its religious ceremonies, priesthood institutions, and its relationships with political authority will be addressed comparatively. Within the scope of the course, it is aimed that students will be able to evaluate sculptures, reliefs, figurines, votive offerings, inscriptions, and sacred sites related to the Mother Goddess cult from chronological, typological, stylistic, and iconographic perspectives; critically question, within the framework of archaeological evidence, the assumption that there is a direct cult continuity between goddess representations in different periods and cultures; and interpret the position of the Mother Goddess cult within the belief systems of Antiquity using scientific methods.

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Weeks	Learning Outcomes	Topics	Teaching Methods
Week - 1		The Mother Goddess Cult in Prehistory Periods in Anatolia	
Week - 2		The Mother Goddesses and Cults in Hittites: Hannahanna, Kubaba	
Week - 3		The Cult of the Mother Goddess in Phrygians: Epigraphical Documents	
Week - 4		The Cult of the Mother Goddess in Phrygians: Archaeologic Documents	
Week - 5		The Mother Goddess in Greece: Rhea; Demeter; Meter	
Week - 6		Religious rituals and Cult practices; Sacred areas	
Week - 7		Meter in Hellenistic Literature and Society	
Week - 8		Meter in the Phrygia and Lydia in the Hellenistic Period	
Week - 9		Meter in the Centers of West Anatolia in the Hellenistic Period: Ephesos	
Week - 10		Meter in the Centers of West Anatolia in the Hellenistic Period:Pergamon, Priene, Smyrna, Kyzikos	
Week - 11		Meter Cult in the Hellenistic Period in Greece	

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Week - 12		The Roman Magna Mater: The Arrival of the cult in Rome; Monuments and Religious rituals; The Magna Mater in Asia Minor	

Learning Outcomes

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1	Explain the terms ‘Great Goddess’, ‘Mother of Gods’, ‘Mother Earth’, and ‘Mother Goddess’.
2	Assess the term ‘Great Goddess’ in Hittite pantheon.
3	Kubaba in North Strian - Late Hittite pantheon
4	Analyse Mater in Phyrigian religion and art.
5	Explain the Meter cult and cult centers of Ionia in the Archaic period.

Sustainable Development Goals

No content has been provided.

Course Theme

No content has been provided.

AKTS Workload

Activity	Duration (Hour)	Count	Workload
Teorik Derse Katılım	4.00	13	52
Sınıf Dışı Çalışma (Ön Hazırlık & Pekiştirme Amaçlı)	5.00	14	70
Ödevler	0.00	0	0
Proje - Rapor - Sunum Hazırlama	0.00	0	0
Ara Sınav Hazırlığı (sınav süresi dahil)	13.00	1	13
Final Sınavı Hazırlığı (sınav süresi dahil)	11.00	1	11
Uygulama (Laboratuvar, Müzik/Enstrüman Uygulaması, Atölye/Saha Çalışması vb.)	0.00	0	0
Staj Uygulaması	0.00	0	0
		Calculated ECTS	**6.0**

Assessment Method and Passing Requirements

No content has been provided.