**PRE-HISTORY AND PERU’S CIVILIZATIONS**

**Course Code:** 1ARQ07

**Credits:** 4 (Four)

**Classroom Hours:** 4 (Four) hours / week

**Practicum Hours:** Does not have

**Department:** History

ABSTRACT

The area where Peru is located today is one of the six cultural areas in the world where “civilization” emerged independently. The same way that in Mesopotamia, Egypt, the Indo Valley, China and Mesoamerica, complex political and economical state formations emerged as a result from particular historical and social processes. This course explores said processes from the standpoint of archaeology by utilizing methods derived from different disciplines of historical and social sciences.

THEMATIC APPROACH

The history of our country begins approximately 14,000 years ago, with the arrival of the first human groups into the territory today known as Peru, which thousands of years later would become one of the cradles of civilization in the world, along with China, India, Egypt, Mesopotamia and Mesoamerica. However, most of this history is not well-known due to the absence of writing and mechanisms of written records. In this context, archaeology and its interdisciplinary approaches play a fundamental role in the study of Peru’s past and provide more accurate information about it. This course will perform an updated and general review of Peruvian history, from the arrival of the first inhabitants to the Spanish Conquest. This review of 14 thousand years of history is done through the discussion of the most relevant events and social achievements, such as the transformation of landscapes, plant and animal domestication, the appearance of the first villages, creation of the first temples, the development of ancient urban planning, among others. In this way, students are given a critical, updated and multidisciplinary vision of the history of ancient Peru. This course is aimed at undergraduate students who are interested in topics of history, prehistory, paleoclimate and technology, prioritizing interdisciplinary approaches.