

Ancient Peoples and Places

Archaeology 100

Section: e100

Term: 2005 Summer

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Discussion Topics: Because of its long view of human and cultural development, archaeology gives us an unique perspective of our origins, who we are, what culture is and how culture affects our lives. It can also reveal something about where our culture is going and why it is changing. Archaeology delves into mysterious things of the past found in the earth (chthonic things), things beyond the written record. The puzzle of the past is complex and requires specific recovery and explanative techniques. This course deals with some of the basic techniques and concepts archaeologists use to reconstruct and understand the past. Emphasis is on what archaeologists have learned about the past and how changes in cultures can be understood from their material remains. Mid-term and a term paper are the most important components of the final grade. The exam will cover topics presented in lectures, films shown in class, course texts and library reserve readings.

Grading: Mid-term exam 40%

Exercises 20%

Term paper 40%

No final exam

Required Texts: Fagan, Brian M. 2001. Ancient Lives: An Introduction to Archaeology and Prehistory. 2nd edition. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice Hall. ISBN 0131115537

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: None

Notes: This is a lecture course with no tutorials.

Deferred grades will be given ONLY on the basis of authenticated medical disability.

This course may be applied toward the Certificate in Liberal Arts [Set 7].

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