

Introduction to Archaeology

Archaeology 201

Section: D100

Term: 2011 Spring

Instructor:

Dr. Brian Hayden
Office: EDB 9631
Phone: 778.782.4781
email: bhayden@sfu.ca

Discussion Topics:

This course introduces the discipline of Archaeology, concentrating on archaeological method and theory, i.e. how we attempt to describe and explain past human behaviour. Examples from different parts of the world will be used. Because of its long view of human and cultural development, archaeology helps us gain a clearer perspective of what our origins are, what culture is and how culture operates and affects our lives. It can also hopefully reveal something about where our culture is going and why it is changing in specific ways. Archaeology delves into mysterious things of the past found in the Earth (chthonic things), beyond the written record. This course deals with the basic techniques and concepts that archaeologists use to reconstruct and understand the past. Emphasis will be on culture as a phenomenon and how archaeology interprets changes in culture.

Introduction to Archaeology

Grading:

Mid term exam 40%

Exercises and participation 20%

Term paper 40%

Required Texts:

Thomas, David H., Robert L. Kelly, and Peter Dawson. 2009. Archaeology. First Canadian edition. Nelson.

Hayden, Brian. 1997. The Pithouses of Keatley Creek. Arch Press. (available for purchase at the Department of Archaeology General Office).

Recommended Texts:

Introduction to Archaeology

Chazan, Michael. 2009. World Prehistory and Archaeology: Pathways through Time. Canadian edition. Pearson. (available on reserve in SFU library).

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: None.

Notes:

Breadth

Social Sciences

Students

requiring accommodations as a result of a disability must contact the Centre for Students with Disabilities 778.782.3112 or csdo@sfu.ca.

All students

are expected to read and understand SFUs policies with regard to academic honesty and student conduct (S10). These policies are available at the following web address: <http://www.sfu.ca/policies/Students/index.html>

Deferred grades

will be given only on the basis of authenticated medical disability.

Introduction to Archaeology

This outline is derived from a course outline repository database that was maintained by SFU Student Services and the University's IT Services Department. The database was retired in 2014 and the data migrated to SFU Archives in 2015.