

Introduction to Archaeology

Archaeology 201

Section: e100

Term: 2005 Fall

Instructor: Dr George Nicholas

Discussion Topics: Archaeology offers us the means to discover, interpret, and learn from the tremendous cultural diversity that comprises humankind, both in the past and today. This course provides an introduction to the basic methods and theories employed by archaeologists. It includes a review of the research strategies, field methods, and interpretive approaches that illustrate how archaeologists know what they know about the past, and also examines different approaches to environmental reconstruction, subsistence and health, past social and economic systems, gender, and ideology. Other topics to be discussed include the history of the discipline, the identification of popular myths and misconceptions about archaeology, applications of the field in the modern world, and also the potential roles that archaeology has for Indigenous peoples and other descendant communities worldwide. This is a lecture course with no tutorials. Students will be evaluated on the basis of two examinations, three in-class quizzes, and one take-home exercise.

Grading: Mid-term examination 35%; Final examination 40%; Quizzes (3 at 5% each) 15%; Take-home exercise 10%

Required Texts: C. Renfrew and P. Bahn, *Archaeology*, 4th ed. Thames and Hudson 0-500-28441-5

Recommended Texts: none

Materials/Supplies: none

Prerequisite/Corequisite: none

Notes: Deferred grades will be given only on the basis of authenticated medical disability.

This course may be applied toward the Certificate of Liberal Arts (Set 8).

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