

Introduction to Archaeology

Archaeology 201

Section: D100

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Discussion Topics: Archaeology is the recovery, analysis, and interpretation of material remains for the purpose of reconstructing past cultures. In this way, archaeology provides a unique approach to the study of humans both in the past and present. This course provides an introduction to the working assumptions, analytic approaches, and integrative and descriptive methods used in archaeology. Examples from around the world, covering the entire span of human history, will be used to describe the methods and theories used to interpret the physical evidence of past societies. The goal of the course is to provide an understanding of how archaeologists contribute to the study of humans and outline the role of archaeology in modern society.

Grading: Midterm exam: 30%

Article Review: 25%

Final exam: 45%

Required Texts: Renfrew, Colin and Paul Bahn. 2008. 5th Edition. Archaeology. Theories, Methods, and Practice. Thames and Hudson. ISBN: 0500287198

Recommended Texts: None

Materials/Supplies: None

Prerequisite/Corequisite: None

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Notes: Deferred grades will be given only on the basis of authenticated medical disability. This is a lecture course with no tutorials.

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