

## Archaeology of the New World

Archaeology 273

Section: D100

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Discussion Topics: This course surveys the archaeological record for details about the ancient history of contemporary First Nations. Students will become familiar with the theories that seek to explain the origins of American Indians and their relationship to other people of the ancient world. It examines the evidence for their lifeways, material culture and the diverse environments they occupied. Students will learn about the cultural adaptations that emerged in response to environmental changes. The course surveys the historical development of New World archaeology and its attempt to determine the antiquity of First Nations history.

Some topics to be considered include: Origin and antiquity of First Nations history; Palaeolithic lifeways in &#x2014;Ice Age&#x2014; America; Epipalaeolithic and Mesolithic lifeways; Neolithic foundations for American civilization; Human expansion into Arctic regions; Historical archaeology in British Columbia.

Grading: Midterm #1 20%

Midterm #2 20%

Research Essay 30%

Final Exam 30%

Required Texts: None

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: ARCH 100 or 201

Notes: Breadth: Social Science

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