

Introduction to Archaeology

Archaeology 201

Section: d100

Term: 2008 Fall

Instructor: Dr Brian Hayden

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 man's past found in the Earth [chthonic things], beyond the written record. This course deals with the basic techniques and concepts of archaeology. It also shows how results of archaeological research have combined to form theories and predictions.

Emphasis will be on culture as a phenomenon and how archaeology interprets changes in culture. This course is a prerequisite for many other archaeology courses. It is specially designed for archaeology majors and minors. If you do not intend to major or minor in archaeology, you should consider Arch 100 or 131. In addition to increasing your knowledge about archaeology, this course will encourage you to write clearly, think about the variety of human culture and consider the relationship between data and theory.

Grading: Mid term exam 40%

Exercises and Participation 20%

Term Paper 40%

Required Texts: Hayden, Brian 1997 *The Pithouses of Keatley Creek*, Arch Press, SFU [avail at Arch Dept office]

World Prehistory and Archaeology - Pathways through Time, Chazan, M. 2008 Pearson [American Edition]

Recommended Texts: *Principles of Archaeology*, Price, T., 2007, McGraw-Hill: Boston;
Archaeology: theories, Methods and Practice, Refrew, C & Bahn, P. Thames and Hudson, New York.

Materials/Supplies: none

Prerequisite/Corequisite: none

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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