

Archaeology of the New World

Archaeology 273

Section: E100

Term: 2000 Spring

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Evening course, Burnaby campus

Lecture time: Wednesday evening 18:30 - 21:20

Discussion Topics: Course description:

This course surveys the archaeological record for details about the ancient history of contemporary American Indians. It examines the evidence of their ancestors' presence in diverse environments, their lifeways and material culture, and how they adapted their cultures when faced with changes in their environments.

It examines the historical development of the discipline of New World archaeology and its attempt to determine the antiquity of Indian history. It examines the theories that seek the origin of American Indians and their relationship to other people in the world.

Some topics to be considered include:

1. Origin and antiquity of American Indian history
2. Palaeolithic lifeways during the Ice Age
3. Epipalaeolithic lifeways up to historic times
4. Neolithic foundations for Indian civilizations
5. New World archaeology and the invention of prehistory
6. The use of archaeology in suppressing Indian history

Grading: Midterm exam #1	20%
Midterm exam #2	20%
Research paper	30%
Final exam	30%

Required Texts: Fiedel, S. J. Prehistory of the Americas ISBN 0 521 42544 1 Cambridge University Press Paperback

Recommended Texts: none

Materials/Supplies: none

Prerequisite/Corequisite: Arch 100-3 or 201-3

Notes: This is a lecture course with no tutorials.

Deferred grades will be given ONLY on the basis of authenticated medical disability.

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