

# **INTRODUCTION TO PREHISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGY**

## **Anthropology 103-010**

### **Fall 2007**

#### **Course Description**

This course provides an introduction to prehistoric archaeology. Students will learn about the goals and history of archaeology as well as current theories and methods for investigating such topics as chronology, subsistence practices, and social organization. An emphasis is placed on giving students experience in analyzing and interpreting archaeological data.

Portions of most classes will be run as a seminar devoted to discussions of data analyses and the assigned readings. For good discussion everyone must come to class having done the readings and prepared to talk. Students who have not done the assigned reading or problem analysis will be asked to leave so that they can complete the assignments and so that those who remain can engage in an informed exchange of ideas. To do well, students must complete all reading and written assignments on time, review their notes thoroughly and consistently throughout the term, and demonstrate extra effort and pride in their work for all written assignments. Students should expect to study a minimum of two to three hours for every hour spent in class.

NOTE: Students can not get credit for both Anthropology 103 and Anthropology 104. See course catalogue for details.

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#### **Required Textbooks**

Price, T. Douglas – Principles of Archaeology

#### **Assignments**

3 quizzes – 75 pts total

3 exams – 300 pts total

exhibit critique – 50 pts

site study – 25 pts  
10 homeworks – 50 pts total

optional extra credit – maximum 25 pts (Students may earn extra credit by working in the archaeology lab located downstairs in Rooms 9 and 12 of Munroe Hall. The work will entail washing and cataloguing artifacts. Two extra credit points will be given for each hours worked with a maximum limit of 12.5 hours. The lab supervisor is Nedda Moqaderi ([nedda@udel.edu](mailto:nedda@udel.edu) or 831-6590). Lab hours will be announced in class.

NOTE: Attendance will be recorded at randomly selected classes throughout the semester. Absent students will have 3 pts deducted from their semester point total. Exceptions will be made only for students who have a legitimate excuse and who have informed the instructor in advance.

No make-ups will be given for quizzes unless the student has a written excuse from the health center or has informed the instructor in advance about a legitimate, unavoidable absence.

Late projects will have penalty points deducted. The penalties will be 3 pts for after class on the due date, 5 pts for each additional day. Exceptions will be made only if the student has a written excuse from the health center or has made prior arrangements with the instructor

## Grades

Grades for all assignment will be posted on WebCT ([www.udel.edu/mycourses](http://www.udel.edu/mycourses))

Grades will be assigned on a scale of:

	B+ 87-89%	C+ 77-79%	D+ 67-69%		
A 93-100%	B 83-86%	C 73-76%	D 63-66%	F 0-59%	
A- 90-92%	B- 80-82%	C- 70-72%	D- 60-62%		

## Schedule

For each class students should check the class web page to see if there are any assigned readings listed under “supplemental readings.” If yes, then shoes readings should be completed in addition to the ones listed below. Some readings may require a password, which is 6363)

Wed, 8/29 – introduction

Fri, 8/31 – what is archaeology  
read: pp. 1, chapter 1

Mon, 9/3 – NO CLASS

Wed, 9/5 – doing archaeology  
read: chapter 2  
video: Pompeii (media services VHS #1533)

Fri, 9/7 – history of archaeology

read: chapter 3

Mon, 9/10 – archaeological questions

read: p. 67, chapter 4

Wed, 9/12 – Moundbuilders

read: entries on class web page

video: Myths of the Moundbuilders (anthro VHS #56)

Fri, 9/14 – archaeological record

read: chapter 5

Mon, 9/17 – archaeological record (con'd)

read: entries on class web page

QUIZ 1

Wed, 9/19 – fieldwork

read: chapter 6

video: Archaeology: Questioning the Past (media services VHS #4084)

Fri, 9/21 – fieldwork (con'd)

DUE: chapter 6 project, pp. 171-174

video: Pieces of the Past (media services VHS #8106)

Mon, 9/24 – DUE: Site Study

Wed, 9/26 – data classification

read: pp 177, chapter 7

Fri, 9/28 – data classification (con'd)

DUE: chapter 7 project, pp.211-212

Mon, 10/1 – EXAM 1

Wed, 10/3 – chronology

read: chapter 8

video: Archaeological Dating (media services VHS #2652)

Fri, 10/5 – chronology (con'd)

DUE: chapter 8 project, pp. 239-242

Mon, 10/8 – geoarchaeology

read: chapter 9

Wed, 10/10 – geoarchaeology (con'd)

DUE: chapter 9 project, pp. 267-268

Fri, 10/12 – lithics

read: chapter 10

video: Early Stone Tools (media services 16mm)

Mon, 10/15 – lithics (con'd)

DUE: chapter 10 project, pp. 293-294

Wed, 10/17 – ceramics

read: chapter 11

QUIZ 2

- Fri, 10/19 – ceramics (con'd)  
DUE: chapter 11 project, pp. 319-320  
video: Discovering the Moche (media services VHS #3446)
- Mon, 10/22 – archaeozoology  
read: chapter 12
- Wed, 10/24 – archaeozoology (con'd)  
DUE: chapter 12 project, pp.343-346
- Fri, 10/26 – NO CLASS
- Mon, 10/29 – archaeobotany  
read: chapter 13
- Wed, 10/31 – archaeobotany (con'd)  
DUE: chapter 13 project, pp. 373-374
- Fri, 11/2 – EXAM 2
- Mon, 11/5 – bioarchaeology  
read: chapter 14  
video: segments from Myths of the Moundbuilders (anthro VHS#56) and  
Collapse (media services VHS#3819P8)
- Wed, 11/7 – bioarchaeology (con'd)  
DUE: chapter 14 project, pp. 407-412
- Fri, 11/9 – archaeometry  
read: chapter 15
- Mon, 11/12 – archaeometry (con'd)  
DUE: chapter 15 project, pp. 439-442
- Wed, 11/14 – DUE: Exhibit Critique
- Fri, 11/16 – explanation  
read: pp. 447, chapter 16
- Mon, 11/19 – explanation (con'd)  
read: entries on class web page  
QUIZ 3
- Wed, 11/21 – responsibilities  
read: chapter 17
- Fri, 11/23 – NO CLASS
- Mon, 11/26 – responsibilities (con'd)  
DUE: chapter 17 project, pp. 500
- Wed, 11/28 – site preservation  
read: entries on class web page  
video: Silent Witness (professor's video)
- Fri, 11/30 – site preservation (con'd)  
read: entries on class web page  
video: Stealing History (media services DVD #3013)

Mon, 12/3 – living descendants

read: entries on class web page

video: Kuwoot yas.ein: His Spirit Is Looking out from the Cave (anthro DVD #153)

Wed, 12/5 – the public

read: entries on class web page

video: Set in Stone (media services VHS #4606)

TBA - EXAM 3

NOTE: Your final exam day and time can not be changed except for the most compelling circumstances. Do NOT make any travel plans until you have checked the final exam schedule.