

INTRODUCTION TO PREHISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGY

Anthropology 103-010

Winter 2008

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

2 quizzes – 50 pts total

2 exams – 200 pts total

exhibit critique – 50 pts

site study – 25 pts
 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 or 831-6590). Lab hours are Mon and Wed 1:00-3:00pm and Tue and Thr 9:45-11:45am.

NOTE: Attendance will be recorded daily 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)

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 those readings should be completed in addition to the ones listed below. Some readings may require a password, which is **6363**.

Thr, 1/3 – introduction

Fri, 1/4 – what is archaeology

read: pp. 1, chapter 1

vide: begin Excavations at Mound 7 (anthro dept #46)

Mon, 1/7 – doing archaeology

read: chapter 2

video: finish Excavations at Mound 7 (anthro dept #46)

Tue, 1/8 – history of archaeology

- read: chapter 3
- Wed, 1/9 – Moundbuilders
 read: entries on class web page
 video: Myths of the Moundbuilders (anthro VHS #56)
- Thr, 1/10 – archaeological questions
 read: p. 67, chapter 4
- Fri, 1/11 – **QUIZ 1**
 read: entries on class web page
 video: Archaeology: Questioning the Past (media services VHS #4084)
- Mon, 1/14 – archaeological record
 read: read chapter 5 and entries on class web page
DUE: Site Study
- Tue, 1/15 – fieldwork
 read: chapter 6 and entries on class web page
 homework: pp. 171-174
- Wed, 1/16 – data classification
 read: pp 177, chapter 7
 homework: pp. 211-212
- Thr, 1/17– chronology
 read: chapter 8
 homework: pp. 239-242
 video: Archaeological Dating (media services VHS #2652)
- Fri, 1/18 – geoarchaeology
 read: chapter 9
 homework: pp. 267-268
- Mon, 1/21 – NO CLASS
- Tue, 1/22 - **MIDTERM**
- Wed, 1/23 – lithics
 read: chapter 10
 homework: pp. 293-294
 video: Flint Knapping (anthro VHS #46)
- Thr, 1/24 – ceramics
 read: chapter 11
 homework: pp. 319-320
 video: Discovering the Moche (media services VHS #3446)
- Fri, 1/25– archaeozoology
 read: chapter 12 and entries on class web page
 homework: pp.343-346
- Mon, 1/28 – archaeobotany
 read: chapter 13 and entries on class web page
 homework: 373-374
- Tue, 1/29 – bioarchaeology
 read: chapter 14

homework: pp. 407-412

video: segments from Myths of the Moundbuilders (anthro VHS#56) and
Collapse (media services VHS#3819P8)

Wed, 1/30 – **QUIZ 2**

read: entries on class web page

video: Nova: Iceman (anthro VHS#51)

Thr, 1/31 – archaeometry

read: chapter 15

homework pp. 439-442

Fri, 2/1 – explanation

read: pp. 447, chapter 16 and entries on class web page

Mon, 2/5 – responsibilities

read: chapter 17

homework: pp. 500

video: Silent Witness (professor's video)

Tue, 2/6 - the public

DUE: Museum Critique

read: entries on class web page

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

Wed, 2/7 – site preservation

read: entries on class web page

video: Stealing History (media services DVD #3013)

Thr, 2/8 – living descendants

read: entries on class web page

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

Fri, 1/ 9 – **FINAL EXAM**

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.