

INTRODUCTION TO PREHISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGY

Anthropology 103

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Course Description

This course provides an introduction to prehistoric archaeology. The goals and history of archaeology are covered 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 interpreting archaeological data.

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

Required Textbooks

Balter, Michael – The Goddess and the Bull

Feder, Kenneth – Frauds, Myths, and Mysteries, 5th edition

Frazier, Kendrick – People of Chaco: A Canyon and Its Culture, updated and expanded edition

Sabloff, Jeremy – The New Archaeology and the Ancient Maya

Struever, Stuart and Felicia Holton – Koster: Americans in Search of Their Prehistoric Past

Assignments

4 quizzes – total 100 pts

1 exam – 100 pts

site study – 50 pt

ethics projects – 50 pts

exhibit critique – 50 pts

homework/in class assignments – 25 pts

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

NOTE: **Attendance is mandatory** and will be recorded each class period. Absent students will have 3 pts deducted from their final grade. Exceptions will be made only for students who have legitimate excuses 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 5pts for after class on the due date, 10 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 will be assigned on a scale of 93-100% A; 90-92% A-; 87-89% B+; 83-86% B; 80-82% B-; 77-79% C+; 73-76% C; 70-72% C-; 67-69% D+; 63-66% D; 60-62% D-; 0-59% F

Schedule

Tue, 1/3 – introduction

Wed, 1/4 – Frauds quickstart – chapter 2

Thr, 1/5 - Frauds chapters 5, 9, 12

Fri, 1/6 – Koster chapters 1-7

Mon, 1/9 – Koster chapters 8-10

QUIZ 1

Tue, 1/10 – Koster chapters 11-13

Wed, 1/11 – Koster chapters 14-17

Thr, 1/12 – Koster chapters 18-epilogue, Frauds chapter 6

Fri, 1/13 – Frauds chapters 3-4

DUE: Site Study

Mon, 1/16 – NO CLASS

Tue, 1/17 – Goddess chapters 1-5

QUIZ 2

Wed, 1/18 – Goddess chapters 6-9, www.catalhoyuk.com

Thr, 1/19 – Goddess chapters 10-13, www.catalhoyuk.com

Fri, 1/20 – Goddess, chapters 14-epilogue, www.smm.org/catal/

Mon, 1/23 – Frauds chapters 10-11

QUIZ 3

Tue, 1/24 – Chaco prologue-chapter 4

Wed, 1/25 – Chaco chapters 5-8

Thr, 1/26 – Chaco chapters 9-12

Fri, 1/27 – **DUE: Ethics Projects**

Mon, 1/30 – Frauds chapters 7,8

QUIZ 4

Tue, 1/31 – Maya chapters 1-2

Wed, 2/1 – Maya chapters 3-4

Thr, 2/2 – Maya chapters 5-6

Fri, 2/3 – reading TBA

DUE: Exhibit Review

Sat, 2/4 – **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.