

# INTRODUCTION TO PREHISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGY

## Anthropology 103

### Winter 2007

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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

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 poster – 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](mailto: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

Wed, 1/3 – introduction

Thr, 1/4 – Feder electronic reserve chapter 2

Fri, 1/5 - Feder electronic reserve chapter 6, Iseminger electronic reserve  
video: Myths of Moundbuilders (anthro dept #56)

Mon, 1/8 – Koster chapters 1-5

### QUIZ 1

Tue, 1/9 – Koster chapters 6-10

Wed, 1/10 – Koster chapters 11-15

Thr, 1/11 – Koster chapters 16-epilogue

Fri, 1/12 – Rathje electronic reserve

### DUE: Site Study

Mon, 1/15 – NO CLASS

Tue, 1/16– Goddess chapters 1-5

### QUIZ 2

video segment: \_\_\_\_\_ (anthro dept #??)

Wed, 1/17 - Goddess chapters 6-9, Diamond electronic reserve,

[www.catalhoyuk.com](http://www.catalhoyuk.com)

Thr, 1/18 – Goddess chapters 10-13, [www.catalhoyuk.com](http://www.catalhoyuk.com)

Fri, 1/19 – Goddess, chapters 14-epilogue, [www.smm.org/catal/](http://www.smm.org/catal/)

Mon, 1/22 - Chaco prologue-chapter 4

### QUIZ 3

video: Archaeological Dating (media services #2652)

Tue, 1/23 –Chaco chapters 5-8

Wed, 1/24 – Chaco chapters 9-12

Video – Mysteries of Chaco Canyon (media services #2165)

Thr, 1/25 – Chaco chapters 13-15 (use electronic reserve, if necessary)

Fri, 1/26 – Lippert electronic reserve, McBride electronic reserve, Park electronic reserve, “Can You Dig It” electronic reserve

**DUE: Ethics Poster**

Mon, 1/29 – Maya chapters 1

**QUIZ 4**

Tue, 1/30 – Maya chapters 2-3

Video – Maya Lords of the Jungle (media services #2165)

Wed, 1/31 – Maya chapters 4-5

Thr, 2/1 – Maya chapters 6, Diamond electronic reserve

Video – Collapse (media services #3819P8)

Fri, 2/2 – Sabloff electronic reserve, Fagan electronic reserve

**DUE: Exhibit Review**

Video: Set in Stone (media services #4606)

Sat, 2/3 – **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.