

Introduction to Archaeology

Archaeology 201

Section: D100

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Afternoon course at Burnaby campus.

Discussion Topics: Archaeology is the study of prehistory through the reconstruction of the past by excavation, and the analysis of material culture. It is a fascinating method of understanding people from the past in order to gain an understanding of the present and future. This course is designed to introduce students to archaeological methods and related anthropological theory. The accumulation of these tools and knowledge can then be applied to other fields and current issues that surround people and history in the making. Basic concepts of methods of archaeological investigation and research will be discussed through the examination of site survey, excavation and the analysis of artifacts. Key events in world prehistory provide insight into cultural processes beginning at the dawn of human evolution, the development of subsistence strategies, technological advancement, early settlement and the rise of early civilizations across the globe.

Grading: Assignment 1 = 10%
Assignment 2 = 15%
Essay Assignment 20%
Midterm Exam 25%
Final Exam 30%

Quizzes and midterms missed for valid reasons will be written during the final examination week at the convenience of the instructor.

Required Texts: Renfrew, Colin and Paul Bahn. 2000 Third edition. Archaeology: Theories, Methods and Practice. Thames and Hudson, New York. Paperback

Recommended Texts: none

Materials/Supplies: none

Prerequisite/Corequisite: none

Notes: This is a lecture course, with no tutorials.

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

This course may be applied toward the Certificate in Liberal Arts (Set 8).

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