

Material Culture Analysis

Archaeology 372

Section: d100

Term: 2007 Fall

Instructor: Dr Brian Hayden

Discussion Topics: Every decision taken during an analysis constitutes a premise in an interpretive argument (Braun 1981:412 American Antiquity)

The goal in this course is to learn to recognize various aspects of traditional technology on a general level. This will be achieved via class lectures, readings, exercises, and tests on the topics of rock identification, stone tools, pottery, botanical remains, faunal remains, human remains, measurements, mapping and typology. The emphasis will be on pre-industrial technology, and how to recognize and analyze its waste products. Interpretive frameworks will also be emphasized. Although this is a lab course, time outside of class will be required for satisfactory completion.

Grading: Tests 50%

Exercises 50% (No final exam)

Required Texts: EB Banning, 2000 The Archaeologists Laboratory, Kluwer/Plenum, ISBN 0-306-46369-5

Recommended Texts: none

Materials/Supplies: none

Prerequisite/Corequisite: Arch 201-3

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

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