

Introduction to Archaeology

Archaeology 201

Section: D100

Term: 2010 Spring

Instructor: Dr. Bob Muir

Discussion Topics: Archaeology is the study of human cultures through the analysis of material remains, such as artifacts, structures, animal bones, and plant remains. This course will introduce students to archaeological method, theory, and practice. It will consist of a survey of principles, concepts, techniques and interpretive approaches used by archaeologists to study human cultures of the past. This will be supplemented with an examination of the role that archaeology plays in our modern world. Examples will be drawn from archaeological research from throughout the world, illustrated by slides and films. This is a lecture course with no tutorials. Students will be evaluated on the basis of three short written assignments and two exams.

Grading: Mid-term exam: 20%

Assignment #1: 15%

Assignment #2: 15%

Assignment #3: 25%

Final Exam: 25%

Required Texts: Renfrew, Colin and Paul Bahn. 2007 Archaeology Essentials : Theories, Methods and Practice. Thames and Hudson, New York.

Sabloff, Jeremy A. 2008 Archaeology Matters: action archaeology in the modern world. Left Coast Press, Walnut Creek, Ca.

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite:

Notes: Breadth: Social Sciences

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