## Material Culture Analysis

Archaeology 372

Section: E100

Term: 2002 Fall

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Evening course at Burnaby campus

Lecture time: Monday 16:30 - 18:20 Lab: Wednesday 13:30 - 16:20 or 16:30 - 19:20

Discussion Topics: The goal of this course is to provide students with an introduction to the most common categories of cultural materials recovered from the archaeological record. This course will familiarize students with these materials and with the types of analysis that can be applied to them, and provide an understanding of how the interpretation of these remnants of past cultures can contribute to our understanding of past human behaviours. The course will include a strong practical, hands-on component that is meant to provide individuals with the personal experience necessary for understanding what specific past human behaviours/practices entailed. Categories of cultural materials that will be examined include: stone tools, faunal remains, floral remains, ceramics, and bone and wood artifacts. Some of the aspects of material culture analysis that will be looked at include: identification of material types, typology and the classification of items, data collection, data manipulation, and data presentation.

| Grading: Lab | Assignments | 35% |
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| Lab Exam     | 15%         |     |
| Term Paper   | 30%         |     |
| Final Exam   | 20%         |     |

Required Texts: No required text.

Recommended Texts: none

Materials/Supplies: none

Prerequisite/Corequisite: Arch 201-3

Notes: Labs will be held during the first week of classes.

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

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