

The Prehistory of Canada

Archaeology 223

Section: D100

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Day course

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Discussion Topics: Course description:

This course introduces the unwritten culture histories of Canadian native peoples before the arrival of Europeans, as revealed by archaeology. It is intended to be of broad interest and no previous archaeological background is required.

Classes will involve three hours of slide-illustrated lectures per week, with time for questions and discussion. Initial topics will summarize basic archaeological data and research methods, post-contact native Canadian cultures, changing environments over the last ca. 25,000 years and general questions about the earliest human entry into North America. Later lectures will review the sequences of pre-contact cultures currently recognized in eight "archaeological regions" spanning the country. In their order of coverage, they will include:

1. the Western Subarctic
2. the Pacific coast
3. southern and central interior British Columbia
4. the Plains-Prairies region
5. southeastern Manitoba and northwestern Ontario
6. southern Ontario and Quebec
7. the Maritime provinces, Newfoundland and Labrador
8. the Arctic.

A brief course over-view and summary will also be offered in the final period.

Grading: Grades will be based on two take-home exams or assignments, each worth 15%, scheduled at four or five week intervals, a research exercise or essay, worth 30%, due in the second-to-last week, and a final exam worth 40% in the normal exam period.

Required Texts: McMillan, Alan D. 1995 Native peoples and cultures of Canada: An anthropological overview. Second edition Douglas and McIntyre, Vancouver, BC

Recommended Texts: none

Materials/Supplies: none

Prerequisite/Corequisite: none

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

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