ANT 2140: Introduction to World Archaeology Sections 5181, 5182, 5184 – Summer 2011

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Required Text:

Sutton, Mark Q. 2008. Archaeology: The Science of the Human Past. Pearson Higher Education.

Course Description:

Archaeology is the study of past cultures and societies through their material remains. This course will explore different varieties of archaeology and examine theory, methods, and techniques for investigating, reconstructing, interpreting, preserving, and ultimately, *learning from* the past. We will review human cultural chronology from the time of the first people, the earliest Paleolithic ages, to the present, and deal with not only the artifact remains but also important social, economic, and even ideological questions, such as those on the origins of food production, social inequality, and civilization. Two major emphases throughout the course are *archaeology as anthropology* and the *relevance of archaeology to modern human society and politics*. We will also examine exciting discoveries that make the news during the semester.

Course Objectives: Upon successful completion of this course, each student will:

- Be able to identify the major trends in archaeological theory
- Understand how archaeologists approach gender, ethnicity, and identity in the past
- Appreciate how archaeology interacts with the modern world
- Develop critical reasoning skills about archaeological materials
- Understand the formational processes affecting archaeological sites through time
- Understand basic archaeological methods of site identification and excavation

Grading:

Grades will be determined from four tests and four one-page responses. Students are expected to complete assigned readings prior to class. Make-up tests and assignments are only granted if arranged prior to the date in this syllabus, or when accompanied by appropriate documentation (i.e. doctor's note). Your grades will come from the following:

Three Tests 60% (180 possible points) Six Lab Exercises 40% (120 possible points)

Breakdown of Grading:

Three Tests: Tests will consist of a mix of multiple choice, true/false, and short answer. *Each test is worth 60 points and counts for 20% of your final grade*. Multiple choice and true/false questions are worth 1 point while short answers are worth 2 points. I may include extra credit questions on each test as well. The tests will be taken during class. Make-ups are allowed for pre-approved reasons or medical emergencies.

[Total Points: 180]

Six Lab Exercises: In addition to lecture, students will attend a lab section once a week in Turlington B357. Attendance to all lab sections is mandatory and attendance will be taken each time. *There is a total of six lab assignments, each worth 20 points*. Students will be provided lab materials via the online website or Sakai. The TA will supervise labs and students are expected to coordinate their assignments with the TA. Late assignments will be deducted 20% per day they are late, meaning that assignments turned in after four days will receive zero credit.

[Total Point: 120]

Total Possible Points: 300

Course Grading Scale: (UF now assigns minus grades!)

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A 93-100 A- 90-92.9 B+ 87-89.9 B 84-86.9 B- 80-83.9 C+ 77-79.9 C 74-76.9 C- 70-73.9 D+ 67-69.9 D 64-66.9 D- 60-63.9 E 59.9 and below
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Letter	A	A-	B+	В	B-	C+	С	C-	D+	D	D-	Е
Grade												
Total	279-	270-	261-	252-	240-	231-	222-	210-	201-	192-	180-	0-
Points	300	278.9	269.9	260.9	251.9	239.9	231.9	221.9	209.9	200.9	191.9	179.9

Attendance and Make-up Policies:

Attendance is not taken in this class, but is highly encouraged. Students not in attendance cannot make up pop quizzes, view videos, or take tests. The only exception to this rule is if you ok an absence with the instructor prior to the absence or produce proper documentation afterwards (e.g. doctor's note). Other than this stated exception, this policy is non-negotiable.

Academic Honesty:

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. As a registered student in this course and at the University of Florida, you have agreed to the following statement:

"I understand that the University of Florida expects its students to be honest in all their academic work. I agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the University."

If you are caught plagiarizing or cheating on exams you will receive an automatic zero and will be referred to University administration for disciplinary action. If you have any questions please refer to the University's Honor Code which is available online at:

http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/students.html.

Student Conduct:

All students must comply with the Student Conduct Code which can found at http://www.dso.ufl.edu/studentguide/studentconductcode.php. Any behavior that interferes with either the instructor's ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to benefit from the instructional program will not be tolerated. Please turn off cell phones and all other electronic devices before class. Laptops may only be used to take notes. Disruptive students will be asked to leave.

Texting during class is not allowed.

Disability Accommodations:

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation. The Disability Resource office is located in 001 Reid Hall. Further information can be found at www.dso.ufl.edu/drp.

UF Counseling Services:

Resources are available on campus for students having personal or goal oriented problems

- 1. University Counseling Center, 301 Peabody Hall, 392-1575
- 2. Student Mental Health, Student Health Care Center, 391-1171 (personal counseling)
- 3. Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS), Student Health Care Center, 392-1161
- 4. Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601

Semester Calendar:

Week 01

M Class Introduction – The Science of Archaeology (Chapter 1)

T Science of Archaeology (Chapter 1)

W Background of Archaeology (Chapter 2)

R Development of Contemporary Archaeology (Chapter 3)

F Development of Contemporary Archaeology (Chapter 3)

Lab: Field Technique/Garbology

Week 02

M The Archaeological Record (Chapter 4)

The Archaeological Record (Chapter 4)

W Conducting Fieldwork (Chapter 5)

R Conducting Fieldwork (Chapter 5)

F Test 01

Lab: Dating/Recording Methods

Week 03

M Classification and Analysis of Artifacts (Chapter 6)

T Determining Archaeological Time (Chapter 7)

W Determining Archaeological Time (Chapter 7)

R Intro to Bio Archaeology: Human Remains (Chapter 8)

F Intro to Bio Archaeology: Human Remains (Chapter 8)

Lab: Ceramics/Lithics

Week 04

M Archaeological Approaches to Human-Environment Interaction (Chapter 9)

T Archaeological Approaches to Human-Environment Interaction (Chapter 9)

W Understanding Past Settlement and Subsistence (Chapter 10)

R Understanding Past Settlement and Subsistence (Chapter 10)

F Test 02

Lab: Zooarchaeology/Domestication

Week 05

M

T Interpreting Past Cultural Systems (Chapter 11)

W Interpreting Past Cultural Systems (Chapter 11)

R Understanding Cultural Change (Chapter 12)

F Understanding Cultural Change (Chapter 12)

Lab: Florida Archaeology/Visit Calusa Exhibit at FLMNH

Week 06

M Public Archaeology as Applied Anthropology (Chapter 13)

T Public Archaeology as Applied Anthropology (Chapter 13)

W Archaeology in the Real World (Chapter 14)

R Archaeology in the Real World (Chapter 14)

F Test 03

Lab: Historical Archaeology/Historic Glass