

**ANT 2140: Introduction to World Archaeology
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Syllabus

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COURSE WEBSITE:

We will be using Sakai, the new E-Learning environment. To log on, please visit the E-Learning website (<https://lss.at.ufl.edu/>) and select Sakai System Entry. You will be responsible for any announcements and supplemental materials posted on the site, so please check it regularly.

Email is the best method to get in contact with the instructor or TA. Please use the UF email addresses listed above, and NOT the "Mail" function on E-Learning.

LECTURE MEETING TIMES:

Tuesday Period 7 (1:55-2:45 pm) and Thursday Periods 7-8 (1:55-3:50 pm) in Little Hall, room 109

LAB SECTION MEETING TIMES:

In addition to lectures, each student is required to attend a lab section once a week in B357, Turlington Hall. Depending upon which section you registered for in ISIS, your section will meet as follows:

- Section 8605: Thursday Period 4 (10:40-11:30)
- Section 8607: Thursday Period 5 (11:45-12:35)
- Section 8608: Thursday Period 6 (12:50-1:40)
- Section 8609: Friday Period 5 (11:45-12:35)
- Section 8610: Friday Period 6 (12:50-1:40)
- Section 8612: Friday Period 7 (1:55-2:45)

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course will provide students with:

1. An introduction to the theories, methods, and techniques that archaeologists utilize in their investigation of the past.
2. An introduction to World Prehistory, and to what archaeologists have discovered about the past from early human origins, to the spread of modern humans across the globe, to the rise and development of complex societies.
3. An appreciation for the fragility of the archaeological record, and the responsibilities each one of us have in protecting and conserving the world's cultural heritage.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:

Chazan, Michael (2008) *World Prehistory and Archaeology: Pathways through Time*. Second Edition. Prentice Hall.

Supplemental readings will occasionally be assigned. These will be made available in pdf format on the course E-Learning site.

GRADING:

Grades will be based on performance on three in-class exams, lecture and lab section attendance, and performance on lab section exercises. Students will have the opportunity to earn up to 400 points. Final grades will be based on how many points are earned with the following point breakdown:

Exam 1-75 points
Exam 2-75 points
Exam 3-100 points
Lab exercises-100 points
Attendance-50 points

Letter grades will be calculated as follows:

A	372-400 points
A-	360-371 points
B+	348-359 points
B	332-349 points
B-	320-331 points
C+	308-319 points
C	292-307 points
C-	280-291 points
D+	268-279 points
D	252-267 points
D-	240-251 points
E	239 or less

For more information, see the current University of Florida policy on grading and grade points at: www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html

EXAMS:

There will be two in-class midterms, each worth 75 points, and one final exam worth 100 points. The two midterms are non-cumulative, and the final exam will be mostly non-cumulative, though some material covered throughout the semester, i.e., topics covered in the lab sections, will be included in the final exam. Study guides will be provided on the e-learning website one week prior to each exam. Exams will be mostly multiple choice and true/false, but there will be some short answer questions and between one and two short essay responses. The exact format of each exam will be disclosed prior to the exam date.

ATTENDANCE:

The course is primarily lecture-based. You are expected to complete the day's assigned readings before class, and come prepared to thoughtfully engage the material. Attendance at lectures is mandatory. Attendance will be taken occasionally at non-disclosed times throughout the year at the instructor's discretion. Since official attendance days will not be announced ahead of time, the only way to ensure that students earn all of the possible attendance points is to come to every class. Absence from lecture or lab will only be accepted with prior consent of the instructor or a documented, University approved excuse. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

LAB SECTION:

In addition to lectures, each student is required to attend a lab section once a week in B357, Turlington Hall. Attendance at all lab section meetings is mandatory. Attendance will be taken at **every** lab section meeting and labs cannot be made up afterward except with prior consent of the instructor or a documented University approved excuse. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

There will be a total of ten lab assignments, each worth 10 points. If a student has an unexcused absence from the lab, they will forfeit the full 10 points. Students will be responsible for printing out materials required for each lab meeting which will be posted to the e-learning website on a weekly basis. Lab assignments will be turned in to the TA in charge of the student's lab section. Lab assignments turned in up to a week late will be penalized 1 point. Lab assignments cannot be turned in for credit after they are a full week late.

CLASSROOM DECORUM:

All students are required to comply with the student conduct code, which can be found at 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 learning environment will not be tolerated. Please turn off cell phones and all other electronic devices before class. Texting during class is not allowed. Laptops may only be used to take notes. Disruptive students will be asked to leave.

SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS:

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 Center is located in Reid Hall, Room 001. More information can be found at www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/

ACADEMIC HONESTY AND INTEGRITY:

All students must comply with the University of Florida's Student Honor Code, which can be found online at www.dso.ufl.edu/judicial/honorcode.php

"We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity."

On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied:

"On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."

COURSE OUTLINE:

*Disclaimer: the instructor reserves the right to make minor adjustments to the schedule of topics, assigned readings, and exams during the course of the semester. Any changes will be announced in class and on the e-learning website.

Week	Dates	Topic
Week 1	1/6	Introduction
Week 2	1/11 1/13	Chapter 1. Getting Started in Archaeology
Week 3	1/18 /20	Chapter 2. Putting the Picture Together
Week 4	1/25 1/27	Chapter 3. Early Hominins Chapter 4. From Homo Erectus to Neanderthals
Week 5	2/1 2/3	Chapter 5. The Origins of Modern Humans EXAM 1
Week 6	2/8 2/10	Chapter 6. The Peopling of Australia and the New World
Week 7	2/15 2/17	Chapter 7. Towers, Villages, and Longhouses
Week 8	2/22 2/24	Chapter 8. Mounds and Maize
Week 9	3/1 3/3	Chapter 9. A Feast of Diversity EXAM 2
Week 10	3/8 3/10	No Class Spring Break
Week 11	3/15 3/17	Chapter 10. Complexity Without the State
Week 12	3/22 3/24	Chapter 11. Cities and Pyramids: Early States of Mesopotamia and Egypt

Week 13	3/29 3/31	Chapter 12. Enigmas and Diversity: Early States in Europe and Asia
Week 14	4/5 4/7	Chapter 13. From City to Empire: Social Complexity in Mesoamerica
Week 15	4/12 4/14	Chapter 14. Bringing the Four Parts Together: States and Empire in the Andes
Week 16	4/19	Synthesis and Review for Exam
Final Exam	TBA (Exam week)	EXAM 3