ANTH 150
World Archaeology (online)
SYLLABUS
Winter 2015

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Anthropology 150 is an introduction to archaeology and the study of world prehistory. The primary objectives of archaeology are to 1) study culture history, 2) reconstruct past human lifeways, 3) explore prehistoric human behavioral variability, and 4) explain the cultural developments that are evident in the archaeological record. This course covers the fundamental principles of archaeology and provides students with an overview of human prehistory from the earliest times up to the development of literate civilizations. My approach to teaching this class will be centered on ‘debated’ issues in current anthropology. For instance, what led to the development and transition to agriculture? What were the first cities like and why did they develop? When and how did the first peoples enter into the Americas? What ultimately led to the development of complex ‘state-level’ societies? We will explore these issues over the course of the next ten weeks by examining a variety of evidence recovered and reported over the last century.

This course is a general overview of archaeology and human prehistory and will provide the necessary background for interested students to take more advanced courses in the Department of Anthropology. It is also one of several classes that fulfills the Social Science (SCC) group requirement and does not duplicate other classes offered through the Department of Anthropology.

COURSE MATERIALS


In addition to the textbook listed above, weekly lessons will be accompanied by articles (pdf format), weblinks, and video clips. These additional materials will be available in their respective lesson folder.
COURSE STRUCTURE

**Quizzes:** Each quiz is worth 10 points and consists of multiple choices, matching, or fill in the blank questions. As this is an online course, the quizzes are timed. You will have 30 minutes once the quiz has been opened. Check the weekly lesson plans for due dates. If your quiz crashes, contact me ASAP and I can reset it. You get ONE reset so make sure that you are taking the quiz in a secure online environment.

**Assignments:** Each assignment is worth 10 points. The purpose of these assignments is to get you thinking about the materials presented in each lesson plan. I am looking for engagement with the subject materials, critical thinking skills, and good writing skills.

*Note: Please do not send assignments as attachments. Cut and paste the directly into the blackboard assignment link.*

**Exams:** There are two essay exams for this class. Both of these tests ask you to answer two of three questions. Each answer should be between 1-2 pages (single-spaced) and show that you have absorbed the course material.

COURSE SCHEDULE

**Week One**

The history of archaeology, methodology, & classifications  
Week One Quiz and Assignment due by Friday, 5:00PM

**Week Two**

Earliest hominin and tool use  
Week Two Quiz and Assignment due by Friday, 5:00PM

**Week Three**

Neanderthals, AMHS, and the Upper Paleolithic  
Week Three Quiz and Assignment due by Friday, 5:00PM

**Week Four**

Peopling of the Americas and megafauna extinction  
Week Four Quiz and Assignment due by Friday, 5:00PM

**Week Five**

Broad spectrum revolution and the origins of agriculture  
*Midterm Essay Exam* due by Friday, 5:00PM

**Week Six**
Rise of social complexity and inequality
Week Six Quiz and Assignment due by Friday, 5:00PM

Week Seven

Old world civilizations I
Week Seven Quiz and Assignment due by Friday, 5:00PM

Week Eight

Old world civilizations II
Week Eight Quiz and Assignment due by Friday, 5:00PM

Week Nine

New World civilizations
No quiz this week, Week Nine Assignment due Wed, 5:00PM

Week Ten

Collapse of civilizations and review of World Archaeology
Final Essay Exam-due Monday of Finals Week by noon

GRADING POLICY

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There will be no make-up exams or late work accepted without a documented reason.
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ADDITION INFORMATION AND POLICIES

General Policies

Standard UO policies apply to this course regarding student conduct and ethical use of online materials. For the full policy statement see: http://studentlife.uoregon.edu/StudentConductandCommunityStandards/ConductCode/tabid/69/Default.aspx

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Additional Web Resources

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