



DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND EDUCATION

COURSE OUTLINE – ANTHROPOLOGY 2060

Introduction to Archaeology – WINTER 2013

T, TH 11:30-12:50, A314

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OFFICE HOURS: 13:00-14:00, Tuesday and Thursday

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: None.

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Archaeology: Theories, Methods, and Practice (2012, 6th Edition; Renfrew and Bahn)
Excerpts on Moodle

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: Basic principles of archaeology. Introduction to the nature, methods, and theory of anthropological archaeology, i.e. how archaeological remains are located, recovered, and interpreted. Emphasis in this course is on the principles of reconstruction of past societies from archaeological evidence.

CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS: 3 / 3 per week

DELIVERY MODE(S): Lecture

OBJECTIVES: After completion of this course, you will have a broad knowledge of how archaeological research is conducted. You will understand why and how archaeologists formulate research questions and the ways in which they go about answering these questions.

TRANSFERABILITY: UA, UC, UL, AU, AF, CU, CUC, KUC, GMU

**** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.**

GRADING CRITERIA:

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE			
GRADING CONVERSION CHART			
Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Designation
A⁺	4.0	99 – 100	EXCELLENT
A	4.0	94 – 99	
A⁻	3.7	90 – 93	FIRST CLASS STANDING
B⁺	3.3	87 – 89	
B	3.0	83 – 86	GOOD
B⁻	2.7	80 – 82	
C⁺	2.3	77 – 79	SATISFACTORY
C	2.0	73 – 76	
C⁻	1.7	70 – 72	
D⁺	1.3	65 – 69	MINIMAL PASS
D	1.0	60 – 64	
F	0.0	0 – 49	FAIL
WF	0.0	0	FAIL, withdrawal after the deadline

EVALUATIONS:

Wikipedia Project	10 percent
In-Class Labs	40 percent (5 percent x 8 labs)
Final Project	25 percent (5 percent x 3 sections) (10 percent final draft)
Quizzes	20 percent (10 percent x 2 quizzes)
Participation	5 percent

Percents/points are awarded for work described above. Points can be awarded in fractions. Visit or email me at any time to get your current point total.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Quizzes There will be two exams in this class. A study guide will be provided for each

Wikipedia The project will challenge you to fact-check a Wikipedia entry. A handout will be given for this project.

Final Project You will be responsible for conceiving and carrying out a study of a cemetery in Grande Prairie.

Labs This class includes a lab nearly every week. Most of the labs will be carried out in class.

Participation You are expected to have completed the readings assigned for each day and participate in class discussions.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Admission Guide at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/*

Topics:

Readings:

Assignments:

Section 1: What Archaeology Is and Isn't (January 8 – 10):

<i>Introduction (Jan. 8)</i>	R&B:12-18	Syllabus (Jan. 8)
<i>History of Archaeology (Jan. 10)</i>	R&B:21-50	Wikipedia Handout (Jan. 10)

Section 2: How We Gather and Analyze Evidence (January 15 – February 7):

<i>Evidence (Jan. 15)</i>	R&B:49-70	-
<i>Library (Jan. 17)</i>	-	-
<i>Survey (Jan. 22)</i>	R&B:71-106	Hypothesis Section (Jan. 22)
<i>Excavation (Jan. 24)</i>	R&B:107-120	Lab 1 (Jan. 24)
<i>Dating (Jan. 29-31)</i>	R&B:121-166	Lab 2 (Jan. 31)
<i>Bioarchaeology (Feb. 5-7)</i>	R&B:421-462	Wikipedia (Feb. 5)
-		Lab 3 (Feb. 7)

Section 3: Reconstructing Past Lifeways (February 12 – March 14):

<i>Environment (Feb. 12-14)</i>	R&B:223-264	Background Section (Feb. 12)
-	-	Lab 4 (Feb. 14)
Winter Break (Feb. 18-22)	-	-
<i>Diet & Subsistence (Feb. 26-28)</i>	R&B:265-306	Lab 5 (Feb. 28)
<i>Technology (Mar. 5)</i>	R&B:307-346	-
-	Andrefsky & Rice	Quiz I (Mar. 7)
<i>Trade & Exchange (Mar. 12-14)</i>	R&B:347-380	Data Section (Mar. 12)
-	-	Lab 6 (Mar. 14)

Section 4: Reconstructing Past Cultures (March 19 – April 9):

<i>Social Archaeology (Mar. 19-21)</i>	R&B:169-222	Lab 7 (Mar. 21)
<i>Cognitive & Religion (Mar. 26-28)</i>	R&B:381-420	Analysis Section (Mar. 26)
-	-	Lab 8 (Mar. 28)
<i>Archaeological Theory (Apr. 2-9)</i>	R&B:463-492	-
No Class (Apr. 4)	Johnson	-

Section 5: Archaeology's Place in Our World (April 11 – 16):

<i>Public Archaeology (Apr. 11)</i>	R&B:535-566	Project Final Draft (Apr. 11)
-	-	Quiz II (Apr. 16)

Policies:

Honor & Plagiarism All students are bound by the honor code as outlined at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/downloads/documents/Student%20Misconduct%20Plagiarism%20and%20Cheating.pdf>. This includes prohibitions against cheating, plagiarism, or alteration of documents. Furthermore, disruption of classes, theft, abuse, harassment, improper or illegal use of substances, or firearm possession will not be tolerated. Please direct any questions to me, the department chair, or dean.

Disability Students with disabilities should work through the Disability Access Office, <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/students/disabilities/index.html>. Please make me aware of any specific needs well in advance of tests or homework that would be affected.

Disruptive Behaviour Disruptive behaviour including harassment will not be tolerated. I refer you to <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/downloads/documents/StudentRightsandResponsibilities.pdf> (responsibility no. 14). If you feel you have been discriminated against or harassed in any way, please let me know immediately. If you are uncomfortable talking to me, I would be happy to help you find somebody else to whom you may speak.

Phone & E-Mail Please turn off your phone during class. Phones on silent or vibrate can still cause distraction. I promptly answer emails Monday-Friday, 8:00a-4:00p. Please plan accordingly. If your email requires more than a two sentence reply, please stop by my office.

Make-up Exam Make-up exams will not be given. Tests are given as per the schedule set out on the syllabus, please make your plans accordingly. Please contact me well in advance if there are conflicts in your schedule (i.e., not the day or night before the test).

Attendance Class attendance is your responsibility. We will be covering material not in the book, which will appear on the test. If you will be missing a class, I do appreciate an email to let me know. Please arrange to get the notes you missed from a fellow student.