



School of Liberal Arts

ANTH 103

Anthropological Archaeology

Term: Fall 2022

Number of Credits: 3

Course Outline

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Date: September 6th – December 20th

Lecture: Tuesday 1:00-2:50 pm; A2801

Lab: Tuesday 3:00-3:50 pm; A2801

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides a general introduction to the field of archaeology as a subdiscipline of anthropology. The concepts, theories and methods of the discipline will be examined, and their application to the study of human pre-history will be discussed. Students will develop an appreciation of how archaeology contributes to the understanding of the history of human societies and basic archaeological laboratory skills.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Prerequisite(s): None.

EQUIVALENCY OR TRANSFERABILITY

Receiving institutions determine course transferability. Find further information at:

<https://www.yukonu.ca/admissions/transfer-credit>

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Gain an understanding of the basic theories and methods of field archaeology, including survey and excavation, measurement and sampling, stratigraphy and dating, and record keeping;
2. Have a basic understanding of the models developed in archaeology that may be applied to interpreting the meaning of spatial patterns within and between archaeological sites;
3. Develop practical skills in archaeological laboratory work, including metric and wear analysis, and floral, faunal, and sediment analysis;
4. Gain practical skills in the presentation of archaeological data through tables, graphs, statistical summaries, photographs, drawings, and textual descriptions; and
5. Understand the ethical and legal context of the practice of archaeology in Canada and the Yukon.

COURSE FORMAT

Weekly breakdown of instructional hours

Students will have two hours of lecture and one hour of lab per week. It is expected that students will spend an additional 3-5 hours outside of class on readings and assignments.

Delivery format

This is a synchronous face-to-face course. The course outline and other relevant materials, including grades, will be posted for viewing or downloading on Moodle. Lecture slides will be posted on Moodle **prior to** the lecture, but these are considered to be **supplementary material** and will not provide all material covered in lecture. If the posted notes are inconsistent with information provided in lecture, the **information presented in lecture takes precedence**. Do not rely on the posted notes alone. Please contact me if you are unable to access these materials.

EVALUATION

Midterm	30 %
Lab Assignments x 4	20 %
Lab Exam	20 %
Final Exam (Not Cumulative)	30%
Total	100%

Midterm

There is one midterm that consists of multiple choice and short answer questions. The midterm follows the textbook and lectures. A study guide will be provided one week prior to the midterm.

Lab Assignments

There are four lab assignments. These will focus on mapping, zooarchaeology, lithics and pottery. Students are expected to hand in the lab assignments biweekly, at the end of each topic section. Students are required to attend all labs to complete their assignments.

Lab Exam

There is one lab exam that will involve a timed hands-on examination of archaeological material with associated short answer questions.

Final Exam

The final exam is not cumulative. It will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions.

COURSE WITHDRAWAL INFORMATION

Refer to the YukonU website for important dates.

TEXTBOOKS & LEARNING MATERIALS

2020. Renfrew, Colin and Paul Bahn. *Archaeology: Theories, Methods, and Practice*. 8th edition. Thames and Hudson, London. Either the e-book or paperback is fine.

www.yukonu.ca

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students are expected to contribute toward a positive and supportive environment and are required to conduct themselves in a responsible manner. Academic misconduct includes all forms of academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, fabrication, fraud, deceit, using the work of others without their permission, aiding other students in committing academic offences, misrepresenting academic assignments prepared by others as one's own, or any other forms of academic dishonesty including falsification of any information on any Yukon University document.

Please refer to Academic Regulations & Procedures for further details about academic standing and student rights and responsibilities.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

Reasonable accommodations are available for students requiring an academic accommodation to fully participate in this class. These accommodations are available for students with a documented disability, chronic condition or any other grounds specified in section 8.0 of the Yukon University Academic Regulations (available on the Yukon University website). It is the student's responsibility to seek these accommodations by contacting the Learning Assistance Centre (LAC): LearningAssistanceCentre@yukonu.ca.

TOPIC OUTLINE

Lecture Date	Topic	Readings in Textbook
September 6	Introduction	Introduction
September 13	History of Archaeology	Chapter 1
September 20	Archaeological Record	Chapter 2
September 27	Survey and Mapping & Excavation and Analysis	Chapter 3
October 4	Dating Methods: Relative and Absolute	Chapter 4
October 11	Environment and Diet: Flora and Fauna	Chapter 6
October 18	Midterm	
October 25	Technology: Stone Tools and Ceramics	Chapter 7
November 1	Technology: Trade and Exchange	Chapter 7
November 8	Human Remains	Chapter 8
November 15	Social Organization	Chapter 5
November 22	Cognitive Archaeology & Archaeological Explanations	Chapter 9 & 10
November 29	Archaeology and the Public & Heritage Management	Chapter 11 & 12

LABS

Date	Lab Topic
September 6	No Lab
September 13	Introduction to Lab
September 20	Mapping
September 27	Mapping Lab Due
October 4	Zooarchaeology
October 11	Zooarchaeology Lab Due

October 18	No Lab
October 25	Lithics 1
November 1	Lithics 2 Lab Due
November 8	Ceramics
November 15	Ceramics Lab Due
November 22	No Lab
November 29	Lab Exam