



Archaeological Studies Program

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Archaeo 2 Syllabus – Academic Year 2015-16

This course discusses the aims and methods of Archaeology, and provides an introductory survey of archaeological excavations and discoveries in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the New World, with an emphasis on understanding how change happened in the early periods of human history. Topics will include human evolution and the beginnings of humankind, the palaeo-geography during the Pleistocene and early Holocene, overviews of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age, and the transition from hunter/gatherer subsistence to farming and agriculture and finally to complex societies. Major archaeological sites, finds and monuments as well as the common research methods in Archaeology will be introduced and discussed.

This course is offered in the Revised General Education Program, and is meant to appeal to students who have always had an interest in Archaeology and the past. The course is primarily a survey of archaeological finds and cultures around the world and an overview on the development of technologies, land use, social organization, and human behaviour.

Course Requirements

Your course grade will be determined from the grades you receive on the following components:

- Attendance record: 20%
- Essays / Reaction Papers: 20%
- Midterm exam: 20%
- Group presentation and report: 20%
- Final exam: 20%

When taking exams and quizzes and completing written assignments, you will be responsible for knowing the concepts and terms discussed in the assigned readings, in the films and presentations shown in class, and in the topics covered in lectures, handouts, and web page or Powerpoint summaries. Written reports/essays should be not less than 1000 words. Group reports include a visual presentation in front of the class and the submission of a paper of not less than 2500 words. Assignments handed in late will lose 10% of the possible credit after the day in which they are due, and 10% more for each subsequent class late. No make-ups are provided for missed exams, quizzes, or assignments in the absence of documented and legitimate medical or family emergencies.

Attendance and Participation

Your regular attendance and active participation are of central importance for this course to provide you with both a fun and satisfying educational experience. Good attendance, class preparation, and note-taking practices will be very important for your ability to perform well, particularly on exams and quizzes. Failure to regularly attend class during the semester will affect the course grade.

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