

ARCHAEOLOGY 201
INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY

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Course Description

Basic principles of archaeology. How archaeological remains are located, recovered and interpreted. This course is designed to introduce students to the theoretical constructs and basic analytical methods used in contemporary archaeological research. The first half of the course deals with methods of data collection and analysis. Students will gain a working knowledge of site location techniques, methods for establishing local and regional chronologies, as well as analytical methods used in the analysis of archaeological remains. The second half of the course explores the relationship between archaeological data and theory in our reconstructions of the life ways of past cultures. Students will learn the history and development of theory in archaeological interpretation with specific reference to middle range research and the post-modern critique of contemporary archaeological practice. In the labs, students will gain hands on experience in the recovery, recording, classification and interpretation of archaeological information.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this course, students will be expected to:

- 1) Explain the methods used in archaeological field research
- 2) Describe the methods used to identify the cultural materials collected
- 3) Give examples of how archaeologists use these cultural materials to reconstruct the life ways of past cultures
- 4) Apply the principles of archaeological research in laboratory exercises

Field Trip

A Saturday Field Trip is planned to Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump (Date TBA). All students are expected to attend. Students need to pack a lunch and wear hiking boots or comfortable walking shoes. Make sure you dress for the weather because your tour guide will lead you to the top of the bluff where the wind gusts can be strong!

Mandatory Supplementary Fees

A mandatory supplementary fee will be assessed to cover additional costs associated with this course. The additional fees help cover the cost of the field trip including transportation and admission as well as the honorarium for the First Nations interpreters.

Evaluation Methods

1) The lecture portion of the class is evaluated through two midterm examinations and a scheduled final exam. Exam formats will vary, and may consist of some combination of matching questions, multiple choice, definitions, and/or short answer.

2) The lab portion of the class is evaluated through four short answer quizzes (5%) and a final project. The final project consists of a simulated archaeological excavation in the lab (5%) and then a written report interpreting those results (15%).

Required Text:

Kelly, Robert L., and David Hurst Thomas

2017 *Archaeology*. Seventh Edition. Cengage Learning, Boston.

NOTE: Students can buy digital access codes for the ebook version of the text using

[http://www.campusebookstore.com/integration/AccessCodes/default.aspx?bookseller_id=12&Course=ARKY+201++\(+++\)](http://www.campusebookstore.com/integration/AccessCodes/default.aspx?bookseller_id=12&Course=ARKY+201++(+++))

In addition, the used version of a book with the same title but written by Thomas, Kelly and Dawson can also be used for this course.

Marking Scheme

Exam I: 15% (February 7th)

Exam II: 20% (March 13th)

Final Exam: 25% (Scheduled)

Lab Grade: 40% (Determined by your TA).

Students need not obtain a passing grade in each component of the course to receive a passing grade. Late papers and class assignments will be subject to a penalty of 5% per day.

Grade Scale:

95% = A+

90% = A

87% = A-

84% = B+

80% = B

77% = B-

72% = C+

65% = C

60% = C-

55% = D+

50% = D

Below = F

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Support and Resources:

Non-course-specific related information can be found on the Office of the Registrar's website: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines>

Note: information here includes

- Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points
- Wellness and Mental Health Resources
- Student Success Centre
- Student Ombuds Office
- Student Union (SU) Information
- Safewalk