

Archaeology 351
Archaeology of South America: The Lowlands and Northern Andes

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TTh 11:00 – 12:15

EDT 920

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11:00 or by appointment

Course Description:

This course introduces the archaeology of South America, *excluding* the Central Andes and Peruvian coast. It focuses most heavily on the Lowland regions of the continent especially the Amazon Basin. Specific topics covered will include early occupations in southern S. America, historical ecology of the Amazon, agriculture in Amazonia, earthworks and shell mounds in Suriname and Brazil, non-agricultural chiefdoms, the Tupi expansion, and funeral practices. Other areas covered will include the Pampas and Campos, the Guianas, Venezuela, and the Llanos de Mojos. In many of these regions archaeological research is scant but in others there has been much recent research that allows us to discuss topics that have a wider theoretical importance in archaeology such as the peopling of the Americas, the potential for socio-cultural development in tropical environments, and cultural modification of the environment.

Note: There is no textbook for this course. Tests will be based on lectures and videos from class.

Course Objectives:

- To acquaint students with a general understanding of the prehistory of Lowland South America and the Northern Andes.
- To learn and write about key issues related to the prehistory of the region.
- To familiarize students with the archaeological methods, theoretical frameworks, and the types of evidence that have been used in the region to study past human behaviour.
- To encourage students to think critically and to communicate effectively.

Lecture Schedule:

The lecture schedule will be posted on Blackboard.

Course Evaluation:

You will be evaluated on the content of the course by a map quiz, two quizzes, a mid-term test, and a final term paper. **There is no scheduled final exam.**

Map Quiz:

You will be expected to learn the physical and political geography of South America well. Maps for study will be posted on Blackboard.

Quizzes:

The first quiz will be multiple choice. The second on the last day of class will be long answer with a choice of questions.

Mid-Term exam:

The mid-term exam will consist of a choice of short answers and long answers.

Term Paper:

The term paper will be approximately 15 pages, double spaced including references cited, in 12 point Times New Roman with 1” margins. The style will be *American Antiquity*, which can be accessed at:

<http://www.saa.org/Portals/0/SAA/Publications/StyleGuide/styleguide.pdf>

Students may choose any topic directly related to the class. All topics should be discussed with the instructor to ensure appropriateness. Term papers are due on December 9th at 4:00 PM. Students should be well aware of the rules against plagiarism under Academic Misconduct in the Calendar. If in doubt ask the instructor.

Weighting of Coursework:

Map Quiz	10%
Quiz 1	20%
Mid-term	30%
Quiz 2	10%
Term Paper	30%

Grading Scheme (%)

A+	= 100-97	C	= 71-65
A	= 90-96	C-	= 64-60
A-	= 89-87	D+	= 59-55
B+	= 86-84	D	= 54-50
B	= 83-80	F	< 50
B-	= 79-77		
C+	= 76-72		

No particular course component need be passed in order to pass the course as a whole.

Missed Quizzes or written Assignments:

Students who have conflicts with test date should contact the instructor as soon as possible before the test. Students missing tests or assignments due to illness or other critical events should inform the instructor as soon as possible.

Additional Content of the Course Outline:

Missed course content is solely the responsibility of the student.

Calculators, laptops, cell phones and other electronic communication or recording devices are not allowed in the classroom during examinations.

All examinations are closed book.

Students in this course will not be expected to participate as research subjects or as researchers.

Writing Across the Curriculum

Writing skills are not exclusive to English courses and, in fact, should cross all disciplines. The University supports the belief that throughout their University careers, students should be taught how to write well so that when they graduate their writing abilities will be far above the minimal standards required at entrance. Consistent with this belief, students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their University courses and, where appropriate, instructors can and may use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Centre in the Effective Writing Office can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.

Academic Accommodation Policy The purpose of academic accommodation is to provide students with documented disabilities equal opportunity to master the essentials of a post-secondary education. Students with disabilities at the University of Calgary have met all admission requirements but may have done so with the use of accommodations. Similarly, they are expected to meet all academic and non-academic requirements. Adaptive technology and other academic accommodations do not relieve students of their responsibility to develop the essential skills and abilities expected of all students.

Please refer to the following web link for detailed information:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/drc/node/71>

Disability Resource Centre Accommodations

It is the responsibility of the student to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at (403)220-8237.

Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. Students are also required to discuss their needs with the instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of the course.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

The University of Calgary is committed to protecting the privacy of individuals who work and study at the University or who otherwise interact with the University in accordance with the standards set out in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Please refer to the following link for detailed information:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/system/files/foip%20overview.pdf>

Academic Misconduct

Academic dishonesty is an unacceptable activity at the University of Calgary and students are strongly advised to read the Student Misconduct section of the University Calendar. Quite often, students are unaware of what constitutes academic dishonesty or plagiarism. The most common are:

- 1) Presenting another student's work as your own
- 2) Presenting an author's work or ideas as you own without proper referencing
- 3) Using work completed for another course

This activity will not be tolerated and students conducting themselves in this manner will be dealt with according to the procedures outlined in the University Calendar.

For detailed information on what constitutes academic misconduct, please refer to the following link: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2-1.html>

Emergency Evacuation Assembly Points

In the event of an emergency that requires evacuation, please refer to the following link to become familiar with the assembly points for the class:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

Safewalk Information

Campus Security, in partnership with the Students' Union, provides the Safewalk service, 24 hours a day to any location on Campus including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones and University residences. Contact Campus Security at (403) 220-5333 or use a help phone, and Safewalkers or a Campus Security Officer will accompany you to your campus destination.

Contact Information for Student and Faculty Representation

Student Union Vice President - Academic Phone: (403) 220-3911

Email: suypaca@ucalgary.ca

Student Ombudsman's Office <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/services/student-services/students-rights.html>

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at (403) 220-5881 or visit them in their new space on the 3rd Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Contact for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts:

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