

ARCHAEOLOGY 455
PALEOINDIAN ARCHAEOLOGY
Fall 2011
T/R 3-4:30 pm (ES 859)

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Course Description: This undergraduate seminar will cover the Late Pleistocene and earliest Holocene occupations of the Americas (North, South, and Central America) with a focus on the historically important occupations of the Plains and current topics of debate in Paleoindian archaeology.

Evaluation: Grading will be based on a projectile point quiz, a midterm examination (in class), two (2) topical presentations, two (2) topical essays of 5-10 pages each, two (2) bibliographies of topical material, participation in topical presentation discussions, and a take-home final examination. The expectations for topical presentations, essays, and bibliographies will be explained on the first day of class and the effort divided equally among class participants.

Grading Scheme:

Midterm Examination:	25%	A+ to A-	(100-90%)
Final Examination:	15%	B+ to B-	(89-80%)
2 topical presentations:	10%	C+ to C-	(79-70%)
Participation:	10%	D+ to D	(69-60%)
2 topical essays:	20%	F	(<60%)
2 bibliographies	10%		
1 projectile point quiz	10%		

Course Texts (Required):

First Peoples in a New World: Colonizing Ice Age America by David J. Meltzer

Readings in Late Pleistocene Archaeology, edited by Bruce Huckell and David Kilby

Additional Required Readings will be available in the Archaeology Reading Room. Students may bring a clean CD-Rom to the instructor's office for digital transfer.

Additional Readings:

All students participating in this seminar are required to read additional texts in order to prepare for the topical essays and presentations. The instructor will provide a reading list of "starting" readings for each topic. Students will be required to produce at least 3 additional peer-reviewed journal articles per topic for their bibliographies.

Course Participation:

Participation in this course is critical to the success of the course and the benefit of all students participating. Topical discussions require the preparation of the student responsible for leading the discussion, as well as the participation of remaining students in the discussion. All students should come to class having prepared by reading (minimally) the assigned readings. If you cannot attend class due to illness or other incapacitation, please send (by email) your thoughts to share with others in the class.

Academic Accommodation

Students needing academic accommodation should provide the instructor of those needs within the first week of class. It is the responsibility of the student to request accommodations. If you need to register with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Please refer to the following link for detailed information on the University policy: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/drc/node/71>

Writing

The University has services provided by the Writing Centre to assist students with Effective Writing, however, the instructor is willing to look at drafts of course writing assignments and provide feedback.

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

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Faculty of Arts Advising

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Student Success Centre: 3rd floor of Taylor Library, 403-220-5881

Enrolment Services (add/drop/swap, fees, etc.): 403-210-ROCK (7625) or MacKimmie Library Block

SU Representatives for Fac of Arts: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca