Course Syllabus –ISIS 3350-001

Course Information
ISIS 3350-001 Introduction to Archaeology
Fall 2013
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:15 pm in HH2.502

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Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions
None

Course Description
Archaeology, is a fascinating combination of science and history. This course will examine the types of evidence found, survey and excavation techniques, dating methods in order to better understand types of societies, human impacts on the environment, subsistence and diet, technology, trade patterns, art, religion, and human and cultural change. This course will draw upon examples taken from around the globe.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes
1. The students will be able to evaluate the validity of evidence used in archaeological reconstruction.
2. The students will be able to describe archaeological theories, methods, and practices.
3. The students will study the field of archaeology as a whole but will research and present a report on a specific topic or site approved by the instructor.

Required Textbooks and Materials
1. **Legendary Sites of the Ancient World: An Illustrated Guide to over 80 Major Archaeological Discoveries (2009) by Paul G. Bahn ISBN: 13:9781844767014**
2. **Archaeology Essentials: Theories, Methods and Practice (2cd edition) (2011) by Colin Renfrew and Paul Bahn ISBN: 13:9780500289129**
3. **3 Blue Books and**
4. **1 882-E Scantron**

Suggested Course Materials
None

Assignments & Academic Calendar

Date:	Topic:	Readings:(LS=Legendary Sites and AE=Archaeological Essentials - texts)
8/27	1. Introduction to Archaeology	LS 4-5
8/29	2. The History of Archaeology	AE 7-26; LS18-21,109.
9/3	3. The History of Archaeology	AE 26-35; LS 38 31-33.
9/5	4. Archaeological Evidence	AE 36-46; LS 8-10, 39, 106-107,152.
9/10	5. Factors affecting Artifact Preservation	AE 46-59; LS 11, 88-89,93.
9/12	6. Discovering Sites	AE 60-91; LS 84-85,110-113,116-119,150.
9/17	7. Excavating Sites	AE 92-103: LS 72-3, 96-7,100-1,122-3,144-5,156-7.
9/19	8. Relative and Absolute Dating Techniques	AE 104-139; LS 24-5, 55-7,102-105,136-7
9/24	9. Determining Past Societies	AE 140-160; LS 43-5, 50-1, 82-3,124,128-9,146-9
9/26	10.Determining Past Societies	AE 160-171; LS 29, 46-7, 70,138-9,154-5
10/1	11.Environmental Reconstruction	AE 172-187; LS 78-9,
10/3	12. Dietary Reconstruction	AE 188-205; LS 54, 95, 125-6, 130-1.
10/8	**13. Midterm Examination**	
10/10	14.Stone tools	AE 206-211; LS none
10/15	15.Other technologies	AE 211-215; LS 12-5, 60-1.
10/17	16. Trade and trade networks	AE 215-229; LS 34, 40-1, 58-9, 63, 66, 68, 108,134-5
10/22	17 Writing, counting and art	AE 242-255; LS 28,48-9, 67, 71,90-2, 140-3.
10/24	18. Religion	AE 255-263; LS 26-7, 35, 62,64-5,114-5.
10/29	19. Biological Reconstructions	AE 230-241
10/31	**20. Diseases of the past**	**Archaeological Project due by the beginning of class**
11/5	21. Assessing Change	AE 264-285; LS 22-3, 153
11/7	22. Case Study1	
11/12	23. Case Study 2.	
11/14	24 Case Study 3	
11/19	25. Case Study 4	
11/21	26. The Future of Archaeology and Cultural Heritage AE 286-321	
11/26	No class- fall break	
11/28	No class - Thanksgiving	
12/3	27. Careers in Archaeology	
12/5	28.*Cahokia*	LS 151
12/11	**29. Write Final paper in class**	

Grading Policy

1. Archaeological site report- Write a 8-10 paged (double-spaced) summary of a site that you have researched. It must include at least one original site report, and sources used must be scholarly, that is peer-reviewed journals or scholarly texts. The site must be approved by the instructor before the report is written. Discuss the evidence that has been offered and whether or not you think that the conclusions are based upon solid archaeological theory and technique. This paper is to be submitted to Turnitin.com- a plagiarism detection software program.. For this reason, make certain that you paraphrase comments of other authors and do not quote lengthy passages. Worth 30% of grade. The Turnitin.com Similarity Score must not be above 10%.
2. A midterm test on lecture notes and assigned readings from the texts. It is worth 30% of grade..
3. A final paper to be written on the last day of class. Worth 30% of grade.
4. Attendance/Participation is worth 10% of your final grade. Attendance will be taken randomly on 20 occasions. If your signature does not appear on the sheet for the day attendance was taken, that counts as an absence. People who arrive more than 15 minutes late lose the right to

sign the attendance sheet. Similarly people who leave early without permission will also lose the attendance grade for the day. Participation is a must in this course.

Grades will be assigned as follows:
97-100 = A+
93-96 = A
90-92 = A-
88-89 = B+
83-86 = B
80-82 = B-
77-79 = C+
73-76 = C
70-72 = C-
67-69 = D+
63-66 = D
60-62 = D-
59 or less = F

Course & Instructor Policies

1. Although I will use e-learning to post announcements, to post grades and to provide leaning modules for this class, I will not be using the e-learning email. If you have questions please send them directly to emsalter@utdallas.edu . I will not be checking the e-learning mail box.
2. There is no extra credit available for this course.
3. Unless pre-approved, late work will not be accepted for hard copies of papers or submissions to Turnitin.com.
4. Attendance is mandatory for this course Please note that signing in for a friend is considered a form of academic dishonesty and will be treated as such.
5. Cell phones and other communication devices are to be turned off during class and lap top computers are only to be used for note taking. Lap top use is restricted to the front row of class
6. If students miss a particular test, they will only be allowed to re-write with an excused absence (doctor's note or UTD sanctioned sports event.)
7. Notes will not be posted in e-learning, merely lecture outlines, so please take notes in class.

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For further detail on any of the important policies please refer to http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies.

*Please note that the section on Academic Integrity is very important and it will be discussed in class.