

Course Syllabus –ISIS 3350-001

Course Information

ISIS 3350-001 Introduction to Archaeology

Spring 2015

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.
 4. The students will be able to identify major sites important in human history and prehistory.
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Required Textbooks and Materials

1. Archaeological Essentials: Theories, Methods and Practice (2cd edition) 2011 by Colin Renfrew and Paul Bahn ISBN 9780500289129
2. National Geographic Reader – Archaeology – 2013 ISBN 978-1-133-60363-4 from Wadsworth Cengage Learning
3. Two -882E Scantrons

Suggested Course Materials

None

Assignments & Academic Calendar

Date:	Topic:	Readings (LS=Legendary Sites and AE= Archaeological Essentials)	
1/13	1. Introduction to Archaeology		
1/15	2. The History of Archaeology	AE 7-26,	
1/20	3. The History of Archaeology	AE 26-35,	
1/22	4. Archaeological Evidence	AE 36-46,	Paper 1 due
1/27	5. Factors affecting Artifact Preservation	AE 46-59,	
1/29	6. Discovering Sites	AE 60-91,	
2/3	7. <i>Marine Archeology of Roman Ships</i>		
2/5	8. Excavating Sites	AE 92-103	Paper 2 due
2/10	9. Dating Techniques	AE 104-136	
2/12	10. Determining Past Societies	AE 140-160,	
2/17	11. Determining Past Societies	AE 160-171,	
2/19	12. Environmental Reconstruction	AE 172-187,	
2/24	13. Dietary Reconstruction	AE 188-205,	
2/26	14. Midterm Test		Test
3/3	15. Stone tools	AE 206-211,	
3/5	16. Other technologies	AE 211-215,	Paper 3 due
3/10	17. Trade and trade networks	AE 215-229,	
3/12	18. Writing, counting and art	AE 242-255,	
3/17	SPRING BREAK		
3/19	SPRING BREAK		
3/24	19. Religion	AE 255-263	
3/26	20. Biological Reconstructions	AE 230-241	Paper 4 due
3/31	21. Diseases of the past	Archaeological Project due by the beginning of class	
4/2	22. Assessing Change	AE 264-285,	
4/7	23. Case Study 1		
4/9	24. Case Study 2		
4/14	25. Case Study 3		
4/16	26. Case Study 4		
4/21	27. The Future of Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	AE 286-321	Paper 5 due
4/23	28. Careers in Archaeology		
4/28	29. <i>Cahokia</i>		
4/30	30. Write test in class		Test

Grading Policy

1. Write 5 two page reports on the five chapters listed in the Archaeology book from National Geographic. One report will be written on each chapter. Each report is worth 10 points for a total of 50 points.
2. A midterm test on lecture notes and assigned readings from the texts. It is worth 20% of grade.
3. A final test to be written on the last day of class. Worth 20% 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. Since participation is a must in this course, only students who have perfect attendance will have their final grade rounded if they are on the cusp between two grades.

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 for anything other than announcements to the class. 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 and papers must be submitted to me in hard copy..
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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These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.

For further detail on any of the important UT-D policies that affect this course 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.