

Course Outcome Summary

Standard Course

ANTHR 155 Introduction to Archaeology

Course Information

Division Humanities/Social Sciences

Contact Hours 45 Total Credits 3

Prerequisites RGD 090 and ENGL 090 or qualifying scores on accepted placement tests.

Course Description

Archaeology is a global social scientific discipline investigating human ancestry. This course provides a thorough introduction to archaeology's rationale, history, methods, and theory. Comparative case studies from archaeological investigations of ancient cultures illustrate major points. Lectures, demonstrations, slide shows, hands-on experiences and application exercises will be used to facilitate the learning experience. This course is a satisfier course for the Global Studies Degree Designation.

Course Outcomes

In order to evidence success in this course, students will be able to:

- Describe the history of archaeology
- 2. Explain the various roles, responsibilities, and employment prospects of archaeologists
- 3. Describe major trends in the development of the theoretical approaches of the discipline and apply current theory to an archaeological problem
- 4. Describe the variety of archaeological cultures as evidenced by their remains and assess the likelihood of preservation of physical evidence in several types of environmental settings
- 5. Evaluate the appropriate field techniques needed to recover basic categories of archaeological remains
- 6. Evaluate the applicability of various dating methods
- 7. Assess the applicability of various laboratory methods to archaeological data
- 8. Evaluate the means by which ancient beliefs and behaviors are reconstructed
- 9. Consider the threats to archaeological sites and the responsibilities of archaeologists in protecting archaeological materials

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