Course Outcome Summary

Standard Course

ANTHR 155 Introduction to Archaeology

Course Information
Division
Contact Hours
Total Credits

Humanities/Social Sciences
45
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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 satisfies course for the Global Studies Degree Designation.

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

1. 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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