

PREHISTORIC TECHNOLOGIES
ANTHROPOLOGY 324L --- FALL 2018
Mondays 3:00-6:00, T5D 1.102

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READINGS/TEXT: Rice, Prudence 1987 Pottery Analysis, a Sourcebook.
 The University of Chicago Press

Other refs. to be reviewed/discussed/etc. at class meetings.

COURSE CONTENT: Prehistoric technologies will review various technological developments from earliest prehistoric times into the recent past as an initial backdrop for this course. The development, process, and methods of stone tool making serves as one example. The control and use of fire, the processes of pottery making, aspects of lithic technology, leatherworking, etc. are all among the topics of lectures and discussions. *This course intends as a primary interest to study the development, the construction, and the use of prehistoric pottery.*

COURSE GRADING: The course will be graded based on four (4) tests, two (2) pottery firings, and class attendance/participation. The tests are valued at 15% each (of the final grade), firings are valued at 15% each, & attendance is valued at 10%. PLEASE note that there are **NO MAKE-UPS**. All tests are based on readings and lectures. Attendance and participation are aspects that requires in-class and extra-class activity particularly as related to firings. For a special circumstance, any “make-up” test will be evaluated with 10 points taken off the final score.

Tests are multiple choice, true-false, short answer, and fill-in-the-blank. The tests are not cumulative, there is no “final exam” for this course. When tests are returned, any questions or need of modification to the evaluation must be done within the current or next class meetings of the returned test. Test results will not be reevaluated at the end of the semester. Any questions, confusion about the course grading, etc. should be clarified/settled with Prof. Valdez as soon as possible.

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FALL 2016 -- SCHEDULE OF CLASSES*

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Topics, Subjects, Tests, Readings</u>
Sept. 10 – Sept. 24	Intangible Technologies: Political-Social Organization, Economic Systems, Religion/Ideology, Communication Non-Perishables: LITHICS. Recognizing lithic terminology and practical aspects of lithic tool-making. Perishables: bone, wood, basketry, cloth, etc. and Technologies in Action
September 24	Test 1
Sept. 24 – Oct. 8	Non-Perishables: CERAMICS. A detailed review and practical aspects of gathering clay, processing clay, etc. to firing. An emphasis on “prehistoric” technology.
October 8	Test 2 = Terminology
Oct. 8 – Nov. 29	
November 29	Test 3 = Terminology 1st Firing = Nov. 5-13
Nov. 29 – Dec. 5	
December 5	Test 4 = Terminology 2nd Firing = Dec. 3-11

*This schedule is an approximation of dates for topics, tests, etc. Any significant changes will be announced as early as possible. Included within the schedule is the showing of films, slides, guest presentations, and any other activities deemed appropriate for this course.