

SCIENCE & ART in ARCHAEOLOGY
ANTHROPOLOGY 324L --- SPRING 2019
Mondays 3-6, JES CCC

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TEXT & READINGS: **Archaeological Research: A Brief Introduction**
by Peter N. Peregrine, 2nd Edition/2017

COURSE CONTENT:

The purpose of this course to integrate disparate areas and interests in archaeology that rarely come together in one course. This class will provide you (the course participants) with a background to “the kinds” of archaeology that are in practice, “what” is involved in archaeological analyses, and “how” archaeological analysis may be approached, both in practical terms and in theoretical perspectives.

We will review each of the aspects noted above first by reading chapters/papers detailing some procedures. The class lectures will elaborate on various archaeological interests and how “we” might approach these interests (whether historical, scientific, artistic, or as utilized by “entrepreneurs”).

A schedule of planned topics is provided on a separate page. The schedule serves primarily as a guide to the order of topics. The actual amount of time spent on a particular issue or topic will vary according to the needs of the class.

COURSE GRADING:

Evaluation in this course will be through Four (4) Tests, One (1) Paper, and Class Attendance/Participation. All Tests and the Paper are required and please note that there are **NO MAKE-UPS**. Tests are valued at 20% each, “the Paper” is graded at 10%, and class attendance/participation is valued at 10%.

Tests are short answer, ID, Fill-in-the-Blank, and thoughtful response. 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 test evaluation must be done at/after the class meeting when the test is returned. 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. Tests will take place during a regular class period, you will have the first hour of the class period to complete the test, there may then be a lecture after test completion. You will not be allowed to take the test if you are late.

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SPRING 2019 – SCHEDULE OF CLASSES*

Dates	Topics, Subjects, Tests, Readings
PLEASE NOTE:	Readings per course section will be assigned as the class progresses. You must/should be present to get specific reading requirements per scheduled test.
January 28	General Introduction/Orientation about course/content.
February 4	Introduction to Archaeology, Hist. of Archaeology, Archaeological Record, etc.
February 11	Methods in Archaeology: Survey, Excavation, Recording,
February 18	TEST 1
February 25	Archaeological Analysis: Dating Techniques, Social Systems, Political Organization
March 4	Material Culture: Lithics & Ceramics, Others; Geo-archaeology & related studies
March 11	TEST 2
March 18-22	SPRING BREAK
March 25	Flora & Fauna in Archaeology, Publication, Historic Preservation, “Our” Past/Ethical Concerns
March 28	Osteology, Forensic Archaeology, aDNA, etc.
April 1	TEST 3
April 8	No Class Meeting
April 15	Art in Archaeology: Iconography, Epigraphy, Architecture
April 22	Media in Archaeology: Films/TV/Advertising; Movie & Discussion: <i>The Mummy</i>
April 29	TEST 4
April 30-May 5	Movie to View: <i>Raiders of the Lost Ark</i> ; Independent Study/Analysis (for Paper)
May 6	PAPER DUE

*This schedule is an approximation of dates for topics, papers, 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.