Course Syllabus

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Archaeology and the Rise of Human Culture

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Course Information

- Course Name: Archaeology and the Rise of Human Culture
- Course ID & Section: ANT2140
- Credit Hours: 3
- Semester/Year: Spring 2018
- Location: Webcourses

Course Description

Archaeology studies how human societies came to be and how we living in the present have built upon what those living in past discovered. This 3-credit class will explore the evolution of human society from foraging and hunting groups to the earliest cities and states.

Course Objectives

- learn why the past matters and how the past is relevant to us living in the present
- explore the diversity and commonalities of the human experience through time
- understand the effects of technological innovation, e.g. agriculture, architecture, warfare, on past societies
- understand archaeological methods of inquiry

Required Text

- Archaeology Essentials 3rd Edition, by Colin Renfrew and Paul Bahn. Available through the UCF Bookstore or online retailers as an ebook or book.

Course Requirements

There will be three **exams** in the course, the third exam is during finals week and will be cumulative. Each exam is weighted the same in your grade book.

There will be **five written assignments**. There will also be **five required group discussions** in which you will participate.

Missed Assignments/Make-Ups

It is strongly advised that you **not miss a scheduled exam or assignment**. I understand that life can be unpredictable, BUT scheduling make-up exams and opening closed modules, quizzes or assignments is a great inconvenience and will **only** be given, begrudgingly, in the following extenuating circumstances with written documentation of said circumstance:

1) Illness of yourself or dependent – a doctor's note is required.

2) Jury duty – copy of jury summons is required

3) Extenuating circumstances with prior notification and documentation but excluding oversleeping, forgetfulness, and alien abduction. **Please note that a previously scheduled personal appointment or social function (weddings, cruises, trips to**

Disney) does not constitute an emergency and is not considered an extenuating circumstance.

Please note that late assignments will suffer a point reduction. See individual assignment descriptions.

Evaluation and Grading

Your grade will be calculated based on the percentage of the total points available. For example, your total points is 325 and the total points available is 405, then your grade would be 325/405=0.802 which is 80.2%

Activities	Total Points
Weekly Quizzes (13 at 10 points each) [Includes Academic Engagement Quiz]	130
Writing Assignments (5 at 15 points each)	75
Group Discussions (5 at 10 points each)	50
Exams (3 at 50 points each)	150
Total number of points	405

Letter Grade	Percentage
A	93 – 100
A-	90 – 92
B+	87 – 89

B	83 – 86
B-	80 – 82
C+	77 – 79
C	73 – 76
C-	70 – 72
D+	67 – 69
D	63 – 66
D-	60 – 62
F	59 and below

All modules pertaining to a single exam will become available at once and will remain open until 12 hours prior to the exam on which that material will be covered. Remember, you cannot access a module until you have taken the reading quiz for the preceding module.

Writing assignments and discussion posts are due at 11:59 pm on each due date. Do not wait until the last minute to submit your assignment!

All examinations are worth the same amount toward your final grade, including the final exam.

Please Note: Because writing assignments and discussion posts require more time to grade, please be patient. It may take up to two weeks to grade an assignment.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism and cheating of any kind on an examination, quiz, or assignment will result at least in an "F" for that assignment (and may, depending on the severity of the case, lead to an "F" for the entire course) and will be subject to appropriate referral to the **Office of Student Conduct (http://osc.sdes.ucf.edu/faq#students)** for further action. See the **UCF Golden Rule (http://goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/)** for further information. I will assume for this course that you will adhere to the academic creed of this University and will maintain the

highest standards of academic integrity. In other words, don't cheat by giving answers to others or taking them from anyone else. I will also adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity, so please do not ask me to change (or expect me to change) your grade illegitimately or to bend or break rules for one person that will not apply to everyone.

Disability Statement

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities. This syllabus is available in alternate formats upon request. Students with disabilities who need accommodations in this course must contact the professor at the beginning of the semester to discuss needed accommodations. No accommodations will be provided until the student has met with the professor to request accommodations. Students who need accommodations must be registered with **Student Disability Services (http://www.sds.sdes.ucf.edu/)** , Ferrell Commons, 7F, Room 185, phone (407) 823-2371, TTY/TDD only phone (407) 823-2116, before requesting accommodations from the professor.

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Third-Party Software and FERPA

During this course you might have the opportunity to use public online services and/or software applications sometimes called third-party software such as a blog or wiki. While some of these could be required assignments, you need**not**make any personally identifying information on a public site. Do not post or provide any private information about yourself or your classmates. Where appropriate you may use a pseudonym or nickname. Some written assignments posted publicly may require personal reflection/comments, but the assignments will not require you to disclose any personally identity-sensitive information. If you have any concerns about this, please contact your instructor.

Course Summary:

Date	Details
	Academic Engagement Quiz

Fri Jan 12, 2018	(https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414474)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Jan 22, 2018	CH 01 QUIZ (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414464)	due by 11:59pm
	Discussion Post 1: Introduce yourself (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414489)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Jan 29, 2018	CH 02 QUIZ (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414468)	due by 11:59pm
	Discussion 2 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414493)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Feb 5, 2018	Assignment 1 - Archaeology in the News (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414506)	due by 11:59pm
	CH 03 QUIZ (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414476)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Feb 12, 2018	EXAM 1 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414467)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Feb 19, 2018	Assignment 2 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414509)	due by 11:59pm
	CH 04 QUIZ (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414480)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Feb 26, 2018	CH 05 QUIZ (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414473)	due by 11:59pm
	Discussion 3 Practicing Burial Analysis (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414496)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Mar 5, 2018	Assignment 3: Analyzing Prehistoric Diets (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414512)	due by 11:59pm
	CH 06 QUIZ (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414469)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Mar 19, 2018	CH 07 QUIZ (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414472)	due by 11:59pm
	Discussion 4	

	(https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414499)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Mar 26, 2018	EXAM 2 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414466)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Apr 2, 2018	Assignment 4 Bioarchaeology in the News (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414515)	due by 11:59pm
	CH 08 QUIZ (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414470)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Apr 9, 2018	CH 09 QUIZ (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414475)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Apr 16, 2018	Assignment 5 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414519)	due by 11:59pm
	CH 10 QUIZ (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414471)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Apr 24, 2018	CH 11 QUIZ (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414483)	due by 11:59pm
	CH 12 QUIZ (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414478)	due by 11:59pm
	Discussion 5 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414500)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Apr 30, 2018	EXAM 3 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1275794/assignments/5414465)	due by 11:59pm