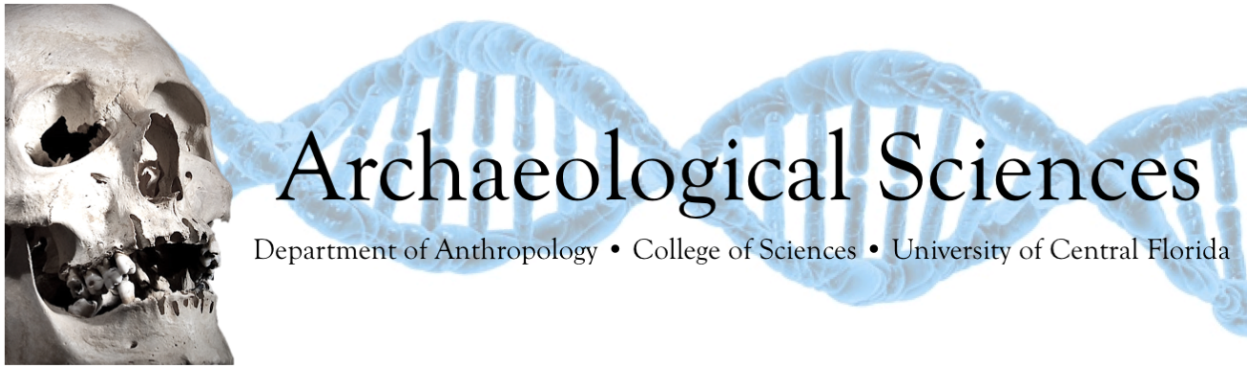

ANT4183 (0001) Archaeological Sciences Syllabus

Dr. Sandra Wheeler • Spring 2021 • 3 credit hours

Fully Online due to UCF's COVID Policiy

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Please note: this course will be delivered asynchronously, meaning you will work through the materials at your own pace with fixed due dates for assignments, quizzes and exams. You will not need to log on to Webourses to meet with me and the class at a scheduled time, all work will be completed on your own with respect to set due dates.

University Course Catalogue Description

Methods and instrumentation routinely used in archaeology and forensic archaeology as applied to crime scenes. Prerequisite(s): One of the following; ANT 2511, ANT 2140, CHS 3501, any 4000 level Criminal Justice course, or C.I.

Course Description

This is an interdisciplinary course that discusses a variety of topics relevant to law enforcement and Forensic Archaeology. This course will use examples from a number of disciplines such as Criminal Justice, Forensic Science, Forensic Anthropology, and Archaeology. Examples presented in this course will be of particular interest to students who, in the future, may work with materials recovered from forensic or field archaeology contexts. Please be aware that this is an advanced course. You are expected to keep up with the course materials and readings.

Archaeologists extensively 'borrow' methods used in the natural sciences when working with material remains. Throughout the course we will evaluate the many ways that archaeological science contributes to our knowledge about forensic, historic, and ancient material remains. First, we will discuss the latest techniques and instrumentation used to locate sites, identify areas for excavation and methods of recovery. We will then look at the burial environment and the changes that take place in organic and

inorganic materials over time. The remainder of the course will emphasize the instrumentation and analytical techniques needed to extract information embedded in archaeological and forensic evidence.

We will explore these various topics through assigned readings as well as through lectures and films. You will be assessed through quizzes, Case Study responses, and exams. The syllabus may be modified, as determined by your professor. All changes will be announced in class or on Webcourses.

We are required to document your academic activity at the beginning of each course due to financial aid issues. In order to document that you began this course, you must complete the **Getting Started Required Activity by the first FRIDAY**. Failure to do so will result in a delay in the disbursement of your financial aid. And no one wants that. These quiz points will be added to your quiz points, so you might as well take the free points.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course you will:

- Explain how forensic anthropology and forensic archaeology methods are applied to crimes scenes, mass disasters, and mass graves.
- Identify how various methods and instrumentation used in natural sciences intersect with materials science in archaeology.
- Understand the basic field methods for locating and identifying sites for excavation and recovery.
- Examine how methods and instrumentation are routinely used in archaeological prospection and kinds of materials that may be located.
- Use case studies to learn how data produced with these scientific techniques can address major research questions in forensic and field archaeology.

Required Texts (there isn't one!)

There are **no required texts for this course.** I will provide you weekly readings electronically on Webcourses. All required readings are provided in the INTRODUCTION pages of each module. Woo!

Grading Scale (+/- letter grades)

A	94-100%	B+	87-89%	C+	77-79%	D	60-69%
A-	90-93%	B	84-86%	C	70-76%	F	59% or below
		B-	80-83%				

This course is a requirement for Criminal Justice certificates. Many programs require you to earn a "C" or better for this course to count towards your degree! Lucky for you, I don't assign C-!

Student Evaluation

Your final grade for the course is **weighted** and is based on your performance on the following:

Assignment	Percent	Description
Case Study Responses	20%	Complete 10 of 12 responses to case studies in forensic anthropology, archaeology, and archaeological sciences
Module quizzes	20%	Complete 10 of 11 online quizzes made up of true/false, multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank questions
Exams	60%	Complete 3 online exams made up of true/false, multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank short answer questions

Attendance: This course has been modified to be a **fully online course** due to changes instated by UCF in response to COVID-19. As such you are expected to **log in a few times a week** to listen to the lectures and complete the assigned online activities.

Case Study Responses: I will post a number of articles for you to read and provide you with questions to answer. Although there are 12 posted Case Studies, you are only required to turn in **10** of these. You may choose any **10** you like, but you **must turn in each online by their respective due dates.** If you skip a Case Study Response, you will receive a zero for that assignment. Webcourses Gradebook will automatically **drop the lowest two scores** when calculating your final Case Study Response grade. All reading responses will be run through TurnItIn.com, so make sure you turn in your own work **in your own words.** Case Study Responses are worth 20% of your final grade.

Quizzes: Each module contains a quiz made up of true/false, multiple choice, and fill-in-the-blank questions. There are 11 quizzes, your lowest quiz score will be dropped. Quizzes are 10 points each and are worth 20% of your final grade.

Exams: There are **3** online exams in this course. Exams are made up of true/false, multiple choice, short answer and fill-in-the blank questions. There will be **no make-ups** for exams without proper documentation (see section on make-up work). Once you begin an exam, **you must finish it!** Exams are 100 points each and are worth 60% of your final grade! **The final exam (Exam 3) is not cumulative and is available during Finals Week.** If you prefer to take a paper exam, **please contact me at the beginning of the semester** to make the appropriate arrangements.

Weekly Schedule

The following table provides the **weekly cycle of work that you are expected to complete** for this class. The due dates are firm (unless otherwise noted) but this is just a suggestion how to allocate your time reading and completing assignments throughout the week:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
• Quizzes due by 11:59pm • Exams close by 11:59pm • Turn in assignments by 11:59pm	• Start review of new material/ module pages • Start on required readings	• Take a day	• Watch any video or media in modules • Work on assignments	• Read module materials	• Exams open at 8am • Finalize assignments • Review lectures	• Dance

What About Make-Up Work?

Students who **represent the university in an authorized event or activity** (for example, student-athletes) and who are unable to meet a course deadline due to a conflict with that event must provide the instructor with documentation in advance to arrange a make-up. No penalty will be applied.

Make-up assignments, quizzes or exams may be given in extreme circumstances such as the birth/arrival of a new baby (hey, there have been several over the years!), bereavement, catastrophe, hurricanes, pan-Internet virus, etc. Please note that the make-up quiz/exam/assignment may be different than the original quiz/exam/assignment. Out-of-town vacations, trips, mild colds, computer malfunctions, power outages, World War Z, and other similar circumstances **do not** qualify as extreme. If you experience an **exceptional family emergency** or other circumstance that affects your coursework and/or causes you to miss multiple assignments or exams, let me know as soon as possible **and** contact **Student Care Services:** https://scs.sdes.ucf.edu/services/

UCF created a guide to **Virtual Services**, it has information on all the support services, CAPS, Knights Pantry, SARC, Financial Aid and more: https://www.ucf.edu/news/a-guide-to-virtual-services-at-ucf-during-covid-19/

It is your responsibility to contact me. I can't help you unless I know there is a problem.

In exceptional circumstances, an incomplete grade may be given per University policies. Individual arrangements must be made with your professor for the completion of the course requirements, but in no case will the date set extend beyond the end of the following semester. Students who experience chronic medical or personal problems that prevent them from logging in regularly and participating are encouraged to review policies relating to securing a leave of absence from their university studies.

Course Requirements

This course begins on **MONDAY JAN 11, 2021** and ends on **MONDAY APR 26, 2021**. The **Final Exam (Exam 3)** is available during Final's Week. Over the course of this semester, you will be expected to:

- Attend all lectures and participate in class
- Review all electronic materials materials and assigned readings
- Complete all quizzes, assignments and exams by their due dates
- Attend class regularly

Please note the due dates carefully. **I do not accept late assignments** unless there is a valid excuse (see section on make-up work). You are advised of this from the start, and you should recognize that it is your responsibility to be aware of all due dates for this course.

Important Information

Important Things: First and foremost, read this syllabus. This document is your guide so that you can keep up with the scheduled readings, assignments and exams. There are many due dates for the case study responses, so you have to stay on top of this. Second, if you email me or your TA using your Knights account, include **ANT 4183** or **Arch Sciences** in the subject heading and don't forget to include your full name so we know who you are. Otherwise, use the Inbox function in Webcourses to contact us. Lastly, read the syllabus, it really is like your best friend for this course.

Academic Responsibility

Time management, problem solving, responsibility and personal accountability are among the most important things you can learn in college. To be successful in this class (and in college in general), you will need to attend regularly, keep up with assigned readings, and make every effort to complete assignments on time and in a professional manner.

Academic integrity: 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" or "Z" for the entire course) and may be subject to appropriate referral to the UCF Office of Student Conduct for further action. See the UCF Golden Rule and the UCF Rules of Conduct for further detail. I will assume 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. **If you let your friend copy your homework or exam answers, that is plagiarism also and you will both be subject to a Z grade.** Keep this in mind before you decide to "help out" a friend. Also, please keep in mind while the Internet is an excellent source of *quick* information, it is not necessarily an excellent source of *valid* information and may also be a source of plagiarism in its own right. Absolutely do not copy and paste from the Internet on any assignment or exam. This will be bad for you. And anyhow, I have Google too so I'll know.

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. This is particularly the case when it comes to final grades.

GroupMe and other chat platforms: The mis-use of study groups such as GroupMe can be considered academic misconduct and could result in the same penalties as cheating (see above). Taking a screenshot of an online quiz or exam question, posting it, and asking for assistance is considered academic misconduct. In addition, answering a posted online quiz or test question is also considered academic misconduct.

Learning environment: As a matter of respect to everyone in class, please silence your cell phones. If you are using a laptop for taking notes, remember that your classmates sitting behind you can see everything on your screen! Please make every effort to be on time. If you are late entering the classroom or need to leave during class, please do so quietly with the least amount of disruption as possible.

Trolling: Trolls, don't be one, don't do it. See statement below.

Respect for diversity and inclusion: This class will be conducted in a way that respects all aspects of diversity and it is my intent to teach this course so that all students, no matter their **gender identity, sexuality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, immigration status, ethnicity, and culture,** are respected. And hey, mummies have feelings too, so don't hurt them. It is expected that everyone show respect for one another and the diverse issues and topics that will be covered. If you make inappropriate statements or act aggressively toward other students on the Discussion boards, assignments or other areas of the lab or classroom, **you may be removed from the course** and subject to action by the Office of Student Conduct. Also, please let me know if you would like me to use specific **personal gender pronouns** (PGPs) when communicating with you. Check here to find out how to set your PGPs: https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Student-Guide/How-do-I-select-personal-pronouns-in-my-user-account-as-a/ta-p/456

Campus Safety

Emergencies on campus are rare, but if one should arise during class, everyone needs to work together. Students should be aware of their surroundings and familiar with some basic safety and security concepts.

- In case of an emergency, dial 911 for assistance.
- Every UCF classroom contains an emergency procedure guide posted on a wall near the door. Students should make a note of the guide's physical location and review the online version at <http://emergency.ucf.edu/emergency_guide.html>.
- Students should know the evacuation routes from each of their classrooms and have a plan for finding safety in case of an emergency.
- If there is a medical emergency during class, students may need to access a first-aid kit or AED (Automated External Defibrillator). To learn where those are located, see <http://www.ehs.ucf.edu/AEDlocations-UCF> (click on link from menu on left).
- To stay informed about emergency situations, students can sign up to receive UCF text alerts by going to <https://my.ucf.edu> and logging in. Click on "Student Self Service" located on the left side of the screen in the toolbar, scroll down to the blue "Personal Information" heading on the Student Center screen, click on "UCF Alert", fill out the information, including e-mail address, cell phone number, and cell phone provider, click "Apply" to save the changes, and then click "OK."

- Students with special needs related to emergency situations should speak with their instructors outside of class.

Required Statements Regarding COVID-19

University-Wide Face Covering Policy for Common Spaces and Face-to-Face Classes

To protect members of our community, everyone is required to wear a facial covering inside all common spaces including classrooms (https://policies.ucf.edu/documents/PolicyEmergencyCOVIDReturnPolicy.pdf. Students who choose not to wear facial coverings will be asked to leave the classroom by the instructor. If they refuse to leave the classroom or put on a facial covering, they may be considered disruptive (please see the Golden Rule for student behavior expectations). Faculty have the right to cancel class if the safety and well-being of class members are in jeopardy. Students will be responsible for the material that would have been covered in class as provided by the instructor.

Notifications in Case of Changes to Course Modality

Depending on the course of the pandemic during the semester, the university may make changes to the way classes are offered. If that happens, please look for announcements or messages in Webcourses@UCF or Knights email about changes specific to this course.

COVID-19 and Illness Notification

Students who believe they may have a COVID-19 diagnosis should contact UCF Student Health Services (407-823-2509) so proper contact tracing procedures can take place.

Students should not come to campus if they are ill, are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, have tested positive for COVID, or if anyone living in their residence has tested positive or is sick with COVID-19 symptoms. CDC guidance for COVID-19 symptoms is located here: (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html)

Students should contact their instructor(s) as soon as possible if they miss class for any illness reason to discuss reasonable adjustments that might need to be made. When possible, students should contact their instructor(s) before missing class.

In Case of Faculty Illness

If the instructor falls ill during the semester, there may be changes to this course, including having a backup instructor take over the course. Please look for announcements or mail in Webcourses@UCF or Knights email for any alterations to this course.

Course Accessibility and Disability COVID-19 Supplemental Statement

Accommodations may need to be added or adjusted should this course shift from an on-campus to a remote format. Students with disabilities should speak with their instructor and should contact sas@ucf.edu to discuss specific accommodations for this or other courses.

Deployed Active Duty Military Students

Students who are deployed active duty military and/or National Guard personnel and require accommodation should contact their instructors as soon as possible after the semester begins and/or after they receive notification of deployment to make related arrangements.

Religious Observances

Students must notify their instructor in advance if they intend to miss class (if you meet in person) for a religious observance. For more information, see the UCF policy at <http://regulations.ucf.edu/chapter5/documents/5.020ReligiousObservancesFINALJan19.pdf>.

Student Accessibility Services

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 Accessibility Services, Ferrel Commons 185, phone (407) 823-2371, TTY/TDD only phone (407) 823-2116, or sas@ucf.edu before requesting accommodations from the professor.

Copyright

This course may contain copyright protected materials such as audio or video clips, images, text materials, etc. These items are being used with regard to the Fair Use doctrine in order to enhance the learning environment. Please do not copy, duplicate, download or distribute these items. **The use of these materials is strictly reserved for this online classroom environment and your use only.** All copyright materials are credited to the copyright holder.

There are many fraudulent websites claiming to offer study aids to students but are actually cheat sites. They encourage students to upload course materials, such as test questions, individual assignments, and examples of graded material. Such materials are the intellectual property of instructors, the university, or publishers and may not be distributed without prior authorization (see Copyright statement above). Students who engage in such activity are in violation of academic conduct standards and may face penalties. Also, it's just not cool.

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 Lecture and Assignment Schedule

Changes to the lecture, assignment schedules and occasionally, readings, are not expected but may occur. Your professor reserves the right to make reasonable adjustments to the assignment schedule. Any changes will be announced through Canvas. Due dates and required readings can be found in the table below.

Module	Topic and Readings	Due Dates
Module 1	**Crime Scenes and Forensic Archaeology** Read: • An Introduction to Archaeology for Forensic Scientists. M. Connor • Introduction to Forensic Archaeology. Dupras et al. • Crime Scene Investigation, Archaeology and Taphonomy: Reconstructing Activities at Crime Scenes**.** Groen and Berger	**Getting Started Quiz due JAN 15** **Quiz 1 due JAN 24** **Case Study 1 due JAN 24**
Module 2	**Understanding the Forensic Context and Applying Archaeological Methods**	**Quiz 2 due JAN 31** **Case Study 2 due JAN 31**

	Read: • Applying Archaeological Methods in a Forensic Context. Dupras et al. • The Expert Witness and the Court of Law. M. Henneberg • The Contributions of Archaeology and Physical Anthropology to the John McRae Case: a trial and a retrial. Saur et al.	
Module 3	**Search Methods for Locating Human Remains** Read: • Locating Buried Remains. M Connor • Search Techniques for Locating Human Remains. Dupras et al.	**Quiz 3 due FEB 7** **Case Study 3 due FEB 7**
Module 4	**Methods of Geophysical Survey and Mapping** Read: • Methods of Geophysical Survey. Dupras et al. • Survey and Mapping Methods. Dupras et al.	**Quiz 4 due FEB 14** **Case Study 4 due FEB 14**
Exam 1 (Available Online from 8:00am on FRIDAY FEB 12 to 11:59pm EST on SUNDAY, FEB 14)		
Module 5	**Excavation and Recovery** Read: • Excavating Human Remains. M. Connor • How to Do Forensic Archaeology under the Auspices of the United Nations and Other Large Organizations. Wright and Hanson	**Quiz 5 due FEB 28** **Case Study 5 due FEB 21**
Module 6	**Forensic Entomology and Botany** Read: • Collecting Botanical and Entomological Evidence. Dupras et al. • Taphonomy and Time: Estimating the Postmortem Interval. Love and Marks	**Quiz 6 due MAR 7** **Case Study 6 due FEB 28**
Module 7	**Burial Environment and Taphonomy** Read: • Postmortem Changes to Bone. S. Byers • Taphonomic Changes to Blunt Force Trauma: A Preliminary Study. Clace et al. • History and Development of the First Anthropology Research Facility, Knoxville Tennessee. Vidoli et al.	**Quiz 7 due MAR 21** **Case Study 7 due MAR 7**
Exam 2 (Available Online from 8:00am on FRIDAY MAR 19 to 11:59pm EST on SUNDAY, MAR 21)		
Module 8	**Interpreting the Body Post-Recovery: Methods** Read: • Introducing Forensic Anthropology. D. Steadman • Multidisciplinary Approach to Human Identification in Homicide Investigation. Ubelaker et al.	**Quiz 8 due MAR 28** **Case Study 8 due MAR 14**
Module 9	**Mass Disaster and DMORT** Read:	**Quiz 9 due APR 4** **Case Study 9 due MAR 28**

	• The Role of the Anthropologist in Disaster Victim Identification: The Bali Incidents of 2002 and 2004. Briggs and Buck • Disaster Anthropology: The 2004 Asian Tsunami. S. Black • Forensic Anthropology in Disaster Response. P. Sledzik	
UCF SRING BREAK (APR 12 to APR 16, 2021)		
Module 10	**Forensic Archaeology, Human Rights and Mass Graves** Read: • Grave Challenges in Iraq. Congram and Sterenberg • Dealing with the Remains of Conflict: An International Response to Crimes Against Humanity, Forensic Recovery, Identification, and Repatriation in the Former Yugoslavia. Sterenberg • Blunt Force Cranial Trauma in the Cambodian Killing Fields. Ta'ala et al. • The Heroic and the Hidden Dead: Zimbabwe and Exhumations. Eppel.	**Quiz 10 due APR 25** **Case Study 10 due APR 4**
Module 11	**Case Studies in Forensic Archaeology and Guest Lectures** Read: • TBA	**Quiz 11 due APR 25** **Case Study 11 due APR 18** **Case Study 12 due APR 25**
Exam 3 (Available Online during Finals Week from 8:00am on WEDNESDAY APR 28 to 11:59pm EST on SUNDAY, MAY 2)		

*Schedule and readings subject to change as needed by your instructor. I will announce any changes to the syllabus on Webcourses.