ANTH 240-A01
ARCHAEOLOGY

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Quentin Mackie

Course Description and Objectives

An introductory to intermediate level course on archaeological method and theory: how archaeologists find, recover and analyse data, and the interpretive challenges they face. Topics include finding and recovering archaeological material, geophysics, absolute and relative dating, artifact and faunal analysis, and environmental reconstruction. We also explore challenges in the cultural and behavioural interpretation of archaeological materials and the role of anthropological and other theory in guiding research.

Skills Development

The interdisciplinary nature of archaeology is stressed, and students become comfortable with research and research designs which transcend social sciences. Through the labs, basic applied artifact, faunal, qualitative, and quantitative analyses are performed in a hands-on setting.