

ANTH 240

ARCHAEOLOGY

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Course Description and Objectives

An introductory level course on archaeological method and theory: how archaeologists find, recover and analyse data, and the interpretive challenges that they face. Topics include the finding and recovery of archaeological material, absolute and relative dating methods, artifact and faunal analysis, and environmental reconstruction. The course addresses 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. Students engage with a range of research methodology and design, some specific to and some applicable beyond archaeology. Virtual labs introduce students to basic applied qualitative and quantitative analyses of artifacts and faunal remains.