

ANTH 240

Archaeology

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course introduces the subdiscipline of archaeology, highlighting a few of the many places, theories, methods, techniques, and people(s) who have illuminated our shared human history. We consider the kind of questions archaeologists ask, how the archaeological record is formed, how archeologists collect data, conduct analyses, and interpret their findings. The course is not a comprehensive review but aims to examine the processes through which human history is encountered, narrated, and mobilized in the present. The laboratory sessions provide hands-on experience with techniques discussed in lectures and in the textbook. Please ensure that you have registered for both the lecture and a lab section.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- Become familiar with common terms and concepts in archaeology
- Identify types of archaeological evidence and interpretations
- Consider the utility of different archaeological methods and techniques
- Describe and categorize commonly recovered archaeological material