

ANTH 360

ZOOARCHAEOLOGY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

In this course on archaeological faunal analysis, the majority of class time will be spent in the lab, where each student will study modern reference material and analyze a faunal assemblage from a local archaeological site. Lectures will cover basic zooarchaeological methods and topics. Assessment is based on practical identification exams, a paper and class presentation based on library research, and the report on the archaeological faunal assemblage.

Skills Development

Students become proficient in the identification of the bones of several local species of mammal. They use Excel or similar software to document their faunal assemblages, conduct basic analyses, and produce graphs. They conduct library research and critically evaluate published presentations of zooarchaeological data. They revise their library research papers into PowerPoint presentations that they deliver in class.