ANTH 392-A01 SUMMER
SELECTED PROBLEMS IN ANTHROPOLOGY: ARCHAEOLOGY: PERISHABLE TECHNOLOGIES

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES
This course is an overview of perishable materials technologies with an emphasis on process. It is a hands-on class designed to allow students to see directly the results of each process and relate this to evidence from actual artifacts, ethnographic and archaeological. Students will learn basic early techniques for working in many traditional fibers and other perishable media. Physical and chemical processes will be discussed including pigments and dyes; pitches and glues; food processing residues and archaeological preservation. How something was made, used and discarded leaves evidence behind. In this class those clues tell a story about a human artifact. Rather than focusing on typologies in materials analysis (type, shape, culture or place of origin, date), careful observation and the recognition of features in the analysis of an archaeological or ethnographic object will be stressed. The student of material culture can then go on to study provenience later. Features based on processes of nature, raw materials availability, human production, human use and eventual deposition and decay will be included. Examples will be drawn from around the world with an emphasis on western North America.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
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Students in these fields and sub disciplines will be interested:
Archaeology/ Experimental Archaeology/ Perishable Materials Anthropology/ Primitive Technology/ Art and Material Culture Ethnic Studies/ Native American Studies Art History/ Artistic Development/ Western Basketry Studies Museum Studies/ Conservation/ Curation/ Attribution/ Replication Botany/ Ethnobiology

MATERIALS FEE: $20.00 cash due by the first class. To be paid in the Anthropology office Cornett B228. Exact cash amount only please (sorry we cannot accept debit, credit or cheques).

DATES: August 1st – 19, 2019
DAYS: MTWRF
TIMES: 0900-1200
MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT: 20

Prerequisites: ANTH 240 and one of ANTH 200 or 250, or permission of department. Contact Dr. Erin McGuire anthua@uvic.ca if you are requesting permission.