

ARCHAEOLOGY 205WU
Ancient Peoples and Places
Fall 2009

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Lecture: Saturday 1:00 – 4:30 pm, ES859
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Course Description: This course provides a broad survey of the human past as illuminated by archaeology, from the emergence of humans and Paleolithic cultures to the rise (and fall) of civilizations and empires. Topics are arranged to track local sequences from the beginnings of food production to the development of complex societies in several zones of the Old and New Worlds.

Textbook: *The Human Past*, edited by Chris Scarre. 2nd edition, Thames and Hudson, 2009.

Class Attendance: Regular attendance will not be considered in grading, but is strongly recommended. It is the student's responsibility to get notes for missed lectures from classmates and to arrange to view missed videos through Comm. Media.

Grading: All exams are closed book, based on material in lectures, the textbook and media presentations. Exams are not cumulative, and may include multiple-choice, map, short-answer and short-essay questions. *Makeup exams may only be given where the absence is covered by conditions relating to deferred final exams, as stated in the university calendar.* Details of a website project will be given in class. Grading Scheme:

Midterm #1 – 25%	October 3, 1:00 pm
Website search – 5%	Due October 17
Midterm#2 – 25%	October 31, 1:00 pm
Website review – 10%	Due November 21
Final – 35%	December 5, 1:00 pm

Letter grade assignments (%):

A+ 95-100	A 90-94	A- 85-89	B+ 80-84	B 75-79
B- 70-74	C+ 65-69	C 60-64	C- 55-59	D+ 50-54
D 45-49	F 0-44			

LECTURE SCHEDULE

- Sept 12** Terms and Concepts / Early Humankinds
Reading: Chapters One & Two
- Sept 19** The Paleolithic Eras
Reading: Chapter Three; Chapter Four to p.165
- Sept 26** Foragers and Farmers: The Origins of Food Production
Reading: Chapter Five to p.193; Chapter Six
- Oct 3** **MIDTERM: 1:00 pm**
Growing Complexity: Mesopotamia and the Fertile Crescent
Reading: pp.193-199; Chapter Twelve
- Oct 10** Thanksgiving weekend – no class
- Oct 17** **WEBSITE SEARCH DUE**
Elsewhere in the Bronze Age: Egypt, Crete and the Indus Valley
Reading: pp.354-365; 370-379; 473-486; 528-540
- Oct 24** Further Complexity: States and Empires in Europe and Africa
Reading: 365-370; 380-391; 406-431; 486-517
- Oct 31** **MIDTERM: 1:00 pm**
Sequences of Complexity in China
Reading: Chapter 15
- Nov 7** The Peopling of the New World / Mesoamerica
Reading: pp.165-173; Chapter 16
- Nov 14** Reading Week – no class
- Nov 21** **WEBSITE REVIEW DUE**
Sequences of Complexity in South America
Reading: Chapter 17
- Nov 28** North America: Moundbuilders and Pueblos / Review
Reading: Chapter 18

Dec 5 FINAL EXAM – 1:00 pm, ES859