

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

ARKY 205: ANCIENT PEOPLES AND PLACES - WINTER 2019

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Class: ES 162

Times: TR 9:30- 10:45 AM

Prerequisite(s): None

Course Description:

This course surveys world prehistory from the emergence of humans to the development of ancient civilizations. It begins with a brief overview of the development of archaeology as a discipline by looking at the methods and techniques employed by archaeologists when reconstructing the past and examining how we know what we know. It then moves through prehistory, focusing on the evolution of modern humans and the geographical expansion of hunter gatherer communities from Africa into Europe, Asia, Australia and North and South America. It then covers the development of agriculture and the emergence of complex social organization in places such as Mesopotamia, Africa, Europe, the Indus Valley, Mesoamerica, and North and South America.

Course Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course students should be able to:

- 1) Have a basic understanding of the evidence and methods archaeologists employ to interpret the past.
- 2) Discuss key aspects in the development of human societies and identify significant events, patterns and processes in prehistory.
- 3) Identify locations and describe chronologies and key characteristics of important archaeological cultures.
- 4) Critically assess and evaluate information encountered about archaeology and prehistory from the popular media

Required Text:

Feder, Kenneth (2016). *The Past in Perspective: An Introduction to Human Prehistory* (7th Edition). Oxford University Press.

Course Assessment:

Exam 1 - 25% (February 7, 2019)
Exam 2 - 25% (March 14, 2019)
Exam 3 - 25% (April 11, 2019)
Assignment - 25% (April 4, 2019)

Exams will be written in class, and are not cumulative.
There is no final exam in this course.

The use of notes, computers, cell-phones and other electronic devices are not allowed in exams.
Students do not need to pass every course component in order to pass the course as a whole.

Assignment: For the class assignment, students have to find a news article on the Web relating to one of the subjects covered in class, summarize the article, and then evaluate the sources used in the article by comparing it to what has been learned in class. This assignment is to be approximately 750 words in length.

Grade Scale:

A+	94.9-100%	A	89.9-94.8%	A-	84.9-89.8%
B+	79.9-84.8%	B	74.9-79.8%	B-	70.9-74.8%
C+	66.9-70.8%	C	62.9-66.8%	C-	58.9-62.8%
D+	54.9-58.8%	D	49.9-54.8%	F	49.8% and below