

THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY
ARKY 335 L01 - (WINTER 2017) – AFRICAN STONE AGE

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Description

Introduction to the African Stone Age with emphasis on sub-Saharan Africa. Major cultural developments are explored through archaeological data, as well as other disciplines, including biogeography and geoarchaeology. Topics include early human origins and the behaviour of early humans during the middle Pleistocene, as well as the Later Stone Age. Focus on major chronological events and the cultural processes that characterize the Paleolithic era on the continent.

Textbook

None required

Credit percentages

Midterm1, February 10, 2017: 40%
Midterm2, March 24, 2017: 50%
Midterm 3, April 12, 2017: 10%

Students do not have to pass all components of the class to receive a passing grade in the course.

Scale

96-100% = A
90-95% = A-
83-89% = B+
75-82% = B
67-74% = B-
58-66% = C+
50-57% = C
45-49% = C-
40-44% = D

0-39% = F

Exam format

Multiple Choice (50 questions Midterms 1, 2; 20 questions Midterm 3)

Exam contents

Posted, in-class materials = 100%

Topics to be covered

Research Methods in Paleoanthropology, I
Research Methods in Paleoanthropology, II
Evo. Classification and nomenclature
Ancient DNA
Geoarky and Geochronometry
Primate Origins
Hominoid Behavior
Primate Archaeology
Primitive Hominins
The genus Homo
Oldowan Cultures
Acheulian
Site Review: Koobi Fora, Gona
Site Review: Olduvai, Swartkrans
Early Behavior and Cognition
Out of Africa, I
Bio-cultural diversity in the African cradle
The emergence of our species
Homo sapiens and modern behavior
Out of Africa, II
African late Pleistocene cultures
Art
The onset of cultural complexity
Pre-colonial mosaics
The colonial encounter

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy>

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to "(Instructor) (Associate Dean) (Department Head) (other designated person)"

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity is essential to the pursuit of learning and scholarship in a university, and to ensuring that a degree from the University of Calgary is a strong signal of each student's individual academic achievements. As a result, the University treats cases of cheating and plagiarism very seriously. For detailed information on what constitutes academic misconduct, please refer to the following link: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2-1.html>

All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be investigated following procedures outlined in the University Calendar. If you have questions or concerns about what constitutes appropriate academic behavior or appropriate research and citation methods, you are expected to seek out additional information on academic integrity from your instructor or from other institutional resources.

TEACHING EVALUATIONS / USRI (Universal Student Ratings of Instruction)

At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses. Your responses make a difference, please participate! Website: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/usri/>

Writing Across the Curriculum:

Writing skills are not exclusive to English courses and, in fact, should cross all disciplines. The University supports the belief that throughout their University careers, students should be taught how to write well so that when they graduate their writing abilities will be far above the minimal standards required at entrance. Consistent with this belief, students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their University courses and, where appropriate, instructors can and may use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Centre in the Effective Writing Office can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.

Emergency Evacuation Assembly Points:

In the event of an emergency that requires evacuation, please refer to the following link to become familiar with the assembly points for the class:
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act:

The University of Calgary is committed to protecting the privacy of individuals who work and

study at the University or who otherwise interact with the University in accordance with the standards set out in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Please refer to the following link for detailed information: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip>

The Department of Anthropology and Archaeology's FOIP (Freedom of Information and Privacy) policy requires all reports/examinations to be returned to students during class time or the instructor's office hours. Any term work not picked up will be placed in the Anthropology and Archaeology Office (ES620) for distribution. Any student not wishing to have their work placed in the office must make alternative arrangements with the course instructor early in the term.

Safewalk Information:

Campus Security, in partnership with the Students' Union, provides the Safewalk service, 24 hours a day to any location on Campus including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones and University residences. Contact Campus Security at (403) 220-5333 or use a help phone, and Safewalkers or a Campus Security Officer will accompany you to your campus destination.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources:

Have a question, but not sure where to start? Arts Students' Centre

The Faculty of Arts Students' Centre is the overall headquarters for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Arts. The key objective of this office is to connect students with whatever academic assistance that they require.

In addition to housing the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs and Student Affairs and the Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning, the Arts Students' Centre is the specific home to:

- program advising
- the Faculty's Co-operative Education Program
- the Arts and Science Honours Academy
- the Faculty's Interdisciplinary Programs
- a Student Help Desk

Location: Social Sciences Room 102

Phone: 403.220.3580

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For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Contacts for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts:

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