

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY
FINAL COURSE OUTLINE FALL 2022
ARCHAEOLOGY 343, Ancient Maya
GFC HOURS(3-0)

Section	Time	Location
LEC 01	Tuesday and Thursday 2:00PM - 3:15 PM	EEEL 161
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Contact Information

- TA contact information and office hours are posted on the class D2L website.
- I am very responsive to email and normally respond within 24 hours. I do not check my work email before 8:30 am and after 4:30 pm.

Official Course Description

The Maya civilization flourished in the tropical rainforest of Mexico and Central America for over 2500 years, from around 1000 BC to the arrival of the Spanish in AD 1519. This class will explore how the Maya adapted and built great cities in the rainforest, examine their political systems and religious beliefs, and introduce their writing and calendrical systems. By the end of the semester, you will develop an understanding of this important Precolumbian culture.

Course Objectives

The student of this course will be able to:

- Enhance critical thinking skills
- Develop a basic understanding of the scientific method
- Identify the important and reliable sources of data
- Develop a basic understanding of archaeological practices
- Develop a basic understanding of prehispanic Maya culture history

Course Learning Outcomes

The Department of Anthropology and Archaeology is committed to student knowledge and skill development.

- Demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts, history, terminology, methods, theoretical perspectives, issues, and contemporary concerns in archaeology
- Develop familiarity with how archaeology relates to other academic disciplines.
- Think holistically, emically, comparatively, and with cultural sensitivity.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the archaeological record of eastern Mesoamerica.
- Use appropriate analytical methods to understand past human cultures.
- Develop cross-cultural sensitivity with regard to the management of, and research into, material remains and cultural heritage.

Prerequisites

None

Required Textbooks

- *The First Maya Civilization: Ritual and Power Before the Classic Period* by Francisco Estrada-Belli
- *The Maya* (Ninth edition) by Michael D. Coe and Stephen D. Houston

Learning Technologies and Requirements

To successfully engage in their learning experiences at the University of Calgary, students are required to have reliable access to the following technology.

- A computer with a supported operating system
- A current and updated web browser
- Broadband internet connection

Course Grading

- Three midterms, worth 25% each, total 75%
Midterms dates are **Sep 27, Oct. 20, Nov. 22** (see Class Schedule below)
Midterms will consist of multiple-choice (ca. 40 total questions on each midterm).
Midterms will be assessed based on information from the lectures and textbook only.
Midterms **are not** cumulative.
No outside material is allowed to be used while taking the midterm.
- One final quiz will be given on **Dec. 6**, worth 15%.
The final quiz will consist of multiple-choice (ca. 20 total questions).
The final quiz will be assessed based on information from the lectures and textbook only.
The final quiz **is not** cumulative.
No outside material is allowed to be used while taking the quiz.
- Study questions regarding two films, worth 5% each, total 10%
Study questions will consist of multiple choice.
Study questions will be delivered through D2L and available for one week prior to the due date.
Late submissions will not be accepted.
There is no time limit on the study questions.
- It **is not** essential to pass all components to pass the course as whole.
- **There is no final examination for this course.**

Grading System

A+	95–100	B+	80–84.9	C+	67–70.9	D+	55–58.9
A	90–94.9	B	75–79.9	C	63–66.9	D	50–54.9
A-	85–89.9	B-	71–74.9	C-	59–62.9	F	<50

If a student misses a quiz or any course work, the student needs to contact the instructor in writing within 24 hours of the date/time of the quiz or assignment. Accommodations for reasonable explanations will be made.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit <https://live-ucalgary.ucalgary.ca/student-services/access>. Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in

writing to their Instructor or the Department Head. The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/accommodation-students-disabilities-procedure>.

ACADMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Academic integrity is the foundation of the development and acquisition of knowledge and is based on values of honesty, trust, responsibility, and respect. We expect members of our community to act with integrity. The University Calendar includes a statement on the principles of conduct expected of all members of the university community (including students, faculty, administrators, any category of staff, practicum supervisors, and volunteers), whether on or off university property. This statement applies in all situations where members of the university community are acting in their university capacities. All members of the university community have a responsibility to familiarize themselves with the principles of conduct statement, which is available at: www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html.

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The University of Calgary is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. Students are expected to be familiar with these standards regarding academic honesty and to uphold the policies of the University in this respect.

Academic dishonesty is not an acceptable activity at the University of Calgary, and students are **strongly advised** to read the Student Misconduct section in the University Calendar at: www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-3.html. Often, students are unaware of what constitutes academic dishonesty or plagiarism. The most common are (1) presenting another student's work as your own, (2) presenting an author's work or ideas as your own without adequate citation, and (3) using work completed for another course. Such activities will not be tolerated in this course, and students suspected of academic misconduct will be dealt with according to the procedures outlined in the calendar at: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/student-academic-misconduct-procedure>

For students wishing to know more about what constitutes plagiarism and how to properly cite the work of others, the Department of Geography recommends that they attend Academic Integrity workshops offered through the Student Success Centre: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity>

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT

Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students' assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary.

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SUPPORTS FOR STUDENT LEARNING, SUCCESS, AND SAFETY

Please visit the Registrar's website at: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines> for additional important information on the following:

- Wellness and Mental Health Resources
- Student Success Centre
- Student Ombuds Office
- Student Union (SU) Information
- Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points
- Safewalk

CLASS SCHEDULE

<i>CLASS DATES</i>	<i>SUBJECT OR EVENT</i>	<i>READINGS & ASSIGNMENTS</i>
T Sep 6	First day of classes	
R Sep 8	Environment and setting	1 st Maya Civ., Chp 1, pp. 9-28 The Maya, Chp. 1
T Sep 13	Paleoamerican	1 st Maya Civ., Chp 2 The Maya Chp. 2
R Sep 15	Archaic Last day to drop a class without financial penalty	1 st Maya Civ., Chp 2 con't. The Maya Chp. 2 con't.
F Sep 16	Last day to add or swap a course	
T Sep 20	Early Preclassic	1 st Maya Civ., Chp 2 con't. The Maya Chp. 2 con't.
R Sep 22	Middle Preclassic	1 st Maya Civ., Chp 2 con't. The Maya Chp. 2 con't.
F Sep 23	Fee payment deadline for Fall Term full and half courses.	
T Sep 27	Midterm #1	
R Sep 29	Late Preclassic	1 st Maya Civ., Chps 4 & 5 The Maya, Chp. 3
T Oct 4	<i>Film #1 and study questions released</i>	

R Oct 6	Early Classic	The Maya, Chp 4 1 st Maya Civ., Chp 6
T Oct 11	Middle Classic <i>Film #1 study questions due</i>	The Maya, Chp 4 con't.
R Oct 13	Late Classic	The Maya, Chp 5
T Oct 18	Terminal Classic	The Maya, Chp 6
R Oct 20	Midterm #2	
T Oct 25	Postclassic	The Maya, Chp 7
R Oct 27	<i>Film #2 and study question released</i>	
T Nov 1	Subsistence	The Maya, Chp 8
R Nov 3	Economy <i>Film #2 study questions due</i>	The Maya, Chp 8 con't.
Nov 6-12	Term Break No Classes	
T Nov 15	Social Organization	The Maya, Chp 8 con't.
R Nov. 17	Political Organization	The Maya, Chp 8 con't.
T Nov 22	Midterm #3	
R Nov 24	Calendar and writing system	The Maya, Chp. 9
T Nov 29	Maya Religion	The Maya, Chp. 9 con't.
R Dec 1	Contemporary Maya	The Maya, Chp. 10
T Dec 6	Final quiz	
W Dec 7	Fall Term Lectures End. Last day to withdraw with permission from Fall Term half courses.	
Dec 10-21	Fall Final Exam Period	

IMPORTANT DATES

The last day to drop this course with no "W" notation and **still receive a tuition fee refund** is **Thursday, September 15th, 2022**. Last day add/swap a course is **Friday, September 16th, 2022**. The last day to withdraw from this course is **Wednesday, December 7th, 2022**.

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-schedule.html#fall2017>