

THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY
ARKY 343: Maya Civilization
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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.

Required Texts:

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

Course Grading:

- Weekly questions on D2L, worth 30%.
- Two midterm exams, worth 30% each, total 60%
- One in class quiz on the final day of class worth 10%.

Description of Weekly Questions:

Each week on Monday after class, I will post questions for the upcoming week. The questions will come from both the book and the lecture. You must answer the questions and submit your answers within the time frame allotted on D2L. You may try as many times as you wish within the time frame allotted. You also may use your book and your notes to answer the questions. I will count the top ten weekly submissions only in your final grade.

Description of Exams:

- Exams consist of short essay questions.
- The quiz consists of multiple-choice questions only.
- The exams and the final quiz are NOT cumulative.
- There is no final.
- I DO NOT GIVE MAKE-UP EXAMS without a written medical excuse.

Grading Scale:

There is no uniform grading scale at the University of Calgary. Each class uses a different scale depending on the difficulty of the material presented and the requirements of the course. Please examine this grading scale carefully. No changes will be made to this scale.

A+ 96-100	B+ 82-85	C+ 70-73	D+ 56-61
A 90-95	B 78-81	C 66-69	D 50-55
A- 86-90	B- 74-77	C- 62-65	F <50

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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