

The Department of Anthropology and Archaeology
Archaeology 351
Archaeology of South America: The Lowlands and Northern Andes

Fall 2017

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| Time: | Tu/Th 9:30 – 10:45 | Location: | SH 157 |

Course Description:

This course introduces the archaeology of South America, *excluding* the Central Andes and Peruvian coast. It focuses most heavily on the Lowland regions of the continent especially the Amazon Basin. Specific topics covered will include early occupations in southern S. America, historical ecology of the Amazon, agriculture in Amazonia, earthworks and shell mounds in Suriname and Brazil, non-agricultural chiefdoms, the Tupi expansion, and funeral practices. Other areas covered will include the Pampas and Campos, the Guianas, Venezuela, and the Llanos de Mojos. In many of these regions archaeological research is scant but in others there has been much recent research that allows us to discuss topics that have a wider theoretical importance in archaeology such as the peopling of the Americas, the potential for socio-cultural development in tropical environments, and cultural modification of the environment.

Note: There is no textbook for this course. Tests will be based on lectures and videos from class.

Course Learning Outcomes:

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

- Discuss the prehistory of Lowland South America and the Northern Andes.
- Critically assess the key issues related to the prehistory of the region.
- Explain the archaeological methods, theoretical frameworks, and the types of evidence that have been used in the region to study past human behaviour.
- Think critically and to communicate effectively about issues related to the archaeology of South America.

Lecture Schedule:

The lecture schedule will be posted on Desire 2 Learn.

Course Evaluation:

You will be evaluated on the content of the course by a map quiz, two quizzes, a mid-term test, and a final term paper. **There is no scheduled final exam.**

Map Quiz:

You will be expected to learn the physical and political geography of South America well. Maps for study will be posted on D2L.

Quizzes:

The first quiz will be multiple choice. The second on the last day of class will be long answer with a choice of questions.

Mid-Term exam:

The mid-term exam will consist of a choice of short answers and long answers.

Term Paper:

The term paper will be approximately 15 pages, double spaced including references cited, in 12 point Times New Roman with 1” margins. The style will be *American Antiquity*, which can be accessed at:

<http://www.saa.org/Portals/0/SAA/Publications/StyleGuide/styleguide.pdf>

Students may choose any topic directly related to the class. All topics should be discussed with the instructor to ensure appropriateness. Term papers are due on December 8th at 4:00 PM. Students should be well aware of the rules against plagiarism under Academic Misconduct in the Calendar. If in doubt ask the instructor.

Weighting of Coursework:

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| Map Quiz | 10% |
| Quiz 1 | 20% |
| Mid-term | 30% |
| Quiz 2 | 10% |
| Term Paper | 30% |

Grading Scheme (%)

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| A+ | = 100-97 | C | = 71-65 |
| A | = 90-96 | C- | = 64-60 |
| A- | = 89-87 | D+ | = 59-55 |
| B+ | = 86-84 | D | = 54-50 |
| B | = 83-80 | F | < 50 |
| B- | = 79-77 | | |
| C+ | = 76-72 | | |

Grades will be rounded up at .5

No particular course component need be passed in order to pass the course as a whole.

Missed Quizzes or written Assignments:

Students who have conflicts with test date should contact the instructor as soon as possible before the test. Students missing tests or assignments due to illness or other critical events should inform the instructor as soon as possible.

Additional Content of the Course Outline:

Missed course content is solely the responsibility of the student.

Calculators, laptops, cell phones and other electronic communication or recording devices are not allowed in the classroom during examinations.

All examinations are closed book.

Students in this course will not be expected to participate as research subjects or as researchers.

PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING

Plagiarism: “to steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one’s own” (Webster’s). Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will automatically result in a failing grade for the submission. Any student caught plagiarizing will also be subject to additional University sanctions. Students are expected to be familiar with the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology’s policy on intellectual honesty

DEFERRED EXAMS:

A student who is absent from a test for legitimate reasons must discuss an alternative course of action with the instructor. The instructor at their discretion may transfer the percentage weight for the test to the final examination, if there is a final examination in the course, set another test, etc. An instructor will normally make this decision on the basis of verbal information provided by the student. In the event that an instructor feels that they cannot judge the veracity of the information provided, Students must be aware that they are responsible for payment of any charge associated with the medical assessment and documentation as this service falls outside the realm of services provided by the Provincial Health Care Plan. Deferral of the final exam requires Registrar approval.

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 the instructor of this course.

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. Non-academic integrity also constitutes an important component of this program.

For detailed information on what constitutes academic and non-academic misconduct, please refer to the following link: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2-1.html>

All suspected cases of academic and non-academic misconduct 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.

Where there is a criminal act involved in plagiarism, cheating or other academic misconduct, e.g., theft (taking another student's paper from their possession, or from the possession of a faculty member without permission), breaking and entering (forcibly entering an office to gain access to papers, grades or records), forgery, personation and conspiracy (impersonating another student by agreement and writing their paper) and other such offences under the Criminal Code of Canada, the University may take legal advice on the appropriate response and, where appropriate, refer the matter to the police, in addition to or in substitution for any action taken under these regulations by the University

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, members of faculty can and should use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by

the Writing Support, part of the Student Success Centre, 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: 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

Email: ascarts@ucalgary.ca

Website: arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/

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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Ombudsman`s office: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ombuds/>