



**Department of Anthropology**  
**Anthropology 2233F-001/First Nations Studies 2233F-001**  
**Archaeology of Ontario and the Great Lakes**  
**Preliminary Course Outline, Fall 2017**

**Credit Value:** 0.5

**Antirequisites:** Anthropology 2233F and First Nations Studies 2233F/G.

**Prerequisites:** Anthropology 1020E, or Anthropology 1025F/G and 1026F/G, or Anthropology 2100, or First Nations Studies 1020E

*Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.*

**Classes: Mondays 10:30am - 12:30 pm, SSC 2257**  
**Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 am, SSC 3014**

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**Course Content**

This course will review the archaeological evidence for the history of Ontario and the Great Lakes region prior to the arrival of Europeans. Topics include a review of the environmental setting, the arrival of Paleo-Indians in the Great Lakes region, the development of hunting and gathering cultures, the appearance of agriculture and settled village life, and the development of historically known Iroquoian and Algonquian societies, such as the Huron, the Neutral and the Ojibwa. We will also briefly discuss the archaeological record of the first European settlers to enter the Great Lakes region and their interactions local First Nations populations. The course will conclude with a discussion of recent issues and current trends in the archaeology of Ontario and the Great Lakes.

## Required Course Readings

As there is no comprehensive text for this course, the readings have been selected from journals and books and will all be made available on the course Webct/Owl page. The readings are listed in the course schedule below. A small number of additional readings may be assigned as the course progresses.

### Other Available Texts:

Relevant books that students may find of interest and which are available in the Weldon Library include:

***Before Ontario: The Archaeology of a Province***, edited by Marit Munson and Susan Jamieson, 2013, McGill-Queens University Press, Toronto.

***Great Lakes Archaeology***, by Ronald J. Mason, 2002 (originally 1981). Caldwell, New Jersey, Blackburn Press.

***A History of the Native People of Canada, Volumes I, II and III***, by James V. Wright, 1995, 1999, 2004, Canadian Museum of Civilization Mercury Series Paper 152, Ottawa.

***The Archaeology of Southern Ontario to A.D. 1650***, edited by Chris Ellis and Neal Ferris, 1990, London Chapter, Ontario Archaeological Society, Occasional Publication No. 5.

### Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course students will have a general understanding of several aspects of the archaeology of Ontario and the Great Lakes region, including:

- a general understanding of early post-glacial environments;
- the nature of Paleo-Indian societies including their associated technologies and adaptations, ca. 12,000 – 10,000 Before Present (BP);
- the technological innovations, adaptations and settlement systems of the Archaic period (ca. 10,000 – 2,900 BP);
- the changes in technology, settlement systems and socio-political organization that occurred during the Woodland period (ca. 2900 – 400 BP);
- the contribution of archaeology to our understanding of historical Euro-Canadian settlement;
- the impact of new perspectives and technologies on the archaeology of Ontario and the Great Lakes.

### OWL Course Webpage:

This course will make use of OWL, Western's online learning system, to provide the readings, to make announcements related to the course, to provide the Research Paper instructions and pre-approved topics, and for uploading electronic copies of your papers. OWL is found at: <https://owl.uwo.ca/portal>.

### **Grading and Due Dates:**

Grades will be based on a mid-term exam, a research paper, 10 class quizzes, participation and a final exam, as follows:

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| Mid-term exam October 30, 2017 in class               | 25% |
| Research paper due November 22, 2017 in class         | 30% |
| Class Quizzes (10 x 2%, one each week, except Week 1) | 20% |
| Final exam - During the final exam period in December | 25% |

The exams will consist of a combination of short answer questions and longer essay questions. The final exam is not cumulative and will only cover material presented after the mid-term exam.

### **Research Paper**

All students are required to prepare and submit a paper dealing with a research question in Ontario or Great Lakes archaeology. As this is an essay course, completion of the essay is a course requirement. Detailed instructions and pre-approved paper topics will be made available on OWL on October 4, 2017. All paper topics that are not on the pre-approved list must be approved by the Instructor. Papers should be approximately 2500 words in length (typed, double-spaced), formatted in APA style, and are due in class on November 20, 2017. **You are required to submit both electronic and hard copies of your essay.** The electronic versions are to be uploaded to the class OWL site using the Turnitin feature on OWL. We use Turnitin to discourage students from submitting plagiarized work and to ensure that others will not be able to plagiarize your work in the future. Marks for the Research Paper will be posted on OWL.

### **Late Policy**

Late papers will be penalized 2% per day (including weekends). Hard copies of late papers are to be deposited in the drop box outside the Anthropology Undergraduate office (SSC 3326) in addition to being submitted to OWL using the Turnitin feature. Papers that are more than two weeks late may not be accepted.

### **Class Quizzes**

In-class quizzes will be held each week, with the exception of the first week (Sept 11-15). There will be 11 quizzes in total, but we will only count your best 10 quiz grades in your overall mark for the quizzes. The quizzes will be based on the readings assigned for each class/topic and will consist of a few short factual questions. Interim marks for the quizzes will be posted on OWL by Oct. 31 and final marks will be posted at the end of the course.

If you miss a quiz for medical or other legitimate reasons you may contact the Instructor to request a make-up. Medical (or other) documentation will be required.

### **Academic Policies on Accessibility, Plagiarism and Scholastic Offences, and Accommodation for Medical Illness:**

Links to Western's policies for missed deadlines and/or exams due to illness, accessibility, mental wellbeing, and plagiarism and academic offences are all found here:

[http://anthropology.uwo.ca/undergraduate/course\\_information/academic\\_policies.html](http://anthropology.uwo.ca/undergraduate/course_information/academic_policies.html)

### Statement on the Use of Electronic Devices:

As a matter of courtesy, please mute phones during lectures. Laptops and tablets may be used for note-taking and when the instructor makes use of online resources during class. If you wish to record lectures, please seek permission from the instructor.

No electronic devices (including but not limited to laptop computers, tablets, phones, etc...) will be allowed during examinations unless expressly authorized by the instructor.

### Office of the Registrar

The web site for the Office of the Registrar is: <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/>.

### Lecture Topics and Readings (tentative):

| Lecture Date      | Topics and Required Readings   |
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| September 11 & 13 | <b>Lecture 1: Introduction, Environmental Context, and Time-Space Systematics in Archaeology</b><br>Reading: 1) Neal Ferris (2013), <i>Introduction: Seeing Ontario's Past Archaeologically</i> . In <b>Before Ontario: The Archaeology of a Province</b> , Pages 1-20.<br>2) Andrew M. Stewart (2013), <i>Water and Land</i> . In <b>Before Ontario: The Archaeology of a Province</b> , Pages 24-34.   |
| September 18 & 20 | <b>Lecture 2: The Paleo-Indians</b><br>Readings: 1) C. J. Ellis, A. C. Goodyear, D. F. Morse and K. Tankersley (1998). <i>Archaeology of the Pleistocene-Holocene Transition in Eastern North America</i> . <b>Quaternary International</b> 49/50:151-166.<br>2) Scott Hamilton (2013) <i>A World Apart? Ontario's Canadian Shield</i> , In <b>Before Ontario: The Archaeology of a Province</b> , Pages 77-85 only.   |
| September 25 & 27 | <b>Lecture 3: The Early and Middle Archaic Periods</b><br>Readings: 1) C. J. Ellis, P.A. Timmins and H. Martelle (2009). <i>At the Crossroads and on the Periphery: The Archaic Archaeological Record of Southern Ontario</i> . In <b>Archaic Societies: Diversity and Complexity across the Midcontinent</b> . Read pages 1-26 only.<br>2) J. O'Shea and G.A. Meadows (2009) Evidence for Early Hunters Beneath the Great Lakes. <b>Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, U.S.A.</b> , 106(25):10120-10123.                               |
| October 2 & 4     | <b>Lecture 4: The Late Archaic Period in Southern Ontario and the Archaic Period in the Upper Great Lakes</b><br>Reading: 1) C. J. Ellis, P.A. Timmins and H. Martelle (2009). <i>At the Crossroads and on the Periphery: The Archaic Archaeological Record of Southern Ontario</i> . In <b>Archaic Societies: Diversity and Complexity across the Midcontinent</b> . Read pages 26-42.<br>2) 2) Scott Hamilton (2013) <i>A World Apart? Ontario's Canadian Shield</i> , In <b>Before Ontario: The Archaeology of a Province</b> , Pages 85-88 only. |

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| October 9-13        | Fall Study Break  |
| October 16          | <p><b>Lecture 5: The Early Woodland Period</b><br/> Reading: 1) M.W. Spence, R. Pihl and C. Murphy (1990). <i>Cultural Complexes of the Early and Middle Woodland Periods. In The Archaeology of Southern Ontario to A.D. 1650.</i> Read pages 125-142 only.</p>  |
| October 18, 23 & 25 | <p><b>Lecture 6: The Middle Woodland Period</b><br/> Readings: 1) M.W. Spence, R. Pihl and C. Murphy (1990). <i>Cultural Complexes of the Early and Middle Woodland Periods. In The Archaeology of Southern Ontario to A.D. 1650.</i> Read pages 142-169.<br/> 2) Scott Hamilton (2013) <i>A World Apart? Ontario's Canadian Shield</i>, In <b>Before Ontario: The Archaeology of a Province</b>, Pages 89-92 only.</p>   |
| October 30          | <b>Mid-term exam in class</b>   |
| November 1 & 6      | <p><b>Lecture 7: Transitional Woodland/Late Woodland I</b><br/> Readings: Gary Warrick (2000): The Precontact Iroquoian Occupation of Southern Ontario. <i>Journal of World Prehistory</i> (14-4: 415-466). Read pages 416–434 only.</p>  |
| November 8 & 13     | <p><b>Lecture 8: Late Woodland II</b><br/> Readings: 1) G. Warrick (2000). <i>The Precontact Iroquoian Occupations of Southern Ontario. Journal of World Prehistory</i> 14(4):415-466. Read pages 434-438 only.<br/> 2) ) N. Ferris and J. Wilson (2009) <i>The Archaeology of a Late Woodland Borderland in Southwestern Ontario</i>. Academia.edu (online publication)<br/> 3) J. Hart and H.J. Brumbach: The Death of Owasco. <b>American Antiquity</b> (2003) 68 (4): 737-752.<br/> <b>Optional Readings:</b><br/> 4) D. Snow: Migration in Prehistory: The Northern Iroquoian Case. <b>American Antiquity</b> (1995) 60 (1): 59-79.<br/> 5) G. Crawford &amp; D. Smith: Migration in Prehistory: Princess Point and the Northern Iroquoian Case. <b>American Antiquity</b> (1996) 61 (4): 782-790.</p> |
| November 15 & 20    | <p><b>Lecture 9: The Late Woodland II (cont...)</b><br/> Readings: 1) G. Warrick (2000). <i>The Precontact Iroquoian Occupations of Southern Ontario. Journal of World Prehistory</i> 14(4):415-466. Read pages 439-446 only.</p>   |
| November 22 & 27    | <p><b>Lecture 10: The Terminal Woodland Period</b><br/> <b>[Research Paper due in class Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>]</b><br/> Readings: 1) G. Warrick (2000). <i>The Precontact Iroquoian Occupations of Southern Ontario. Journal of World Prehistory</i> 14(4):415-466. Read pages 446-458 only.<br/> 2) Williamson, Ronald (2014) <i>The Archaeological History of the Wendat to A.D. 1651: An Overview. Ontario Archaeology</i>, Number 94: 3-64.</p>  |

November 29 & Dec. 4

**Lecture 11: The Terminal Woodland Period (cont...)  
and 19<sup>th</sup> Century Euro-Canadian Archaeology**

Readings: 1) Dana Poulton and Christine Dodd (2007), *Approaches to the Excavation of Plough Disturbed Nineteenth Century Domestic Sites in Southern Ontario*. **Ontario Archaeology** Vol. 83/84: 30-57.

2) Eva MacDonald (1997), *The Root of the Scatter: Nineteenth Century Artifact and Settlement Patterns in Rural Ontario*. **Ontario Archaeology**, No. 64: 56-80.

3) Scott Hamilton (2013) *A World Apart? Ontario's Canadian Shield*, In **Before Ontario: The Archaeology of a Province**, Pages 93-95 only.

December 4 & 6

**Lecture 12: New Perspectives and Current Issues in the  
Archaeology of Ontario and the Great Lakes**

Readings: 1) Kostalena Michelaki (2007) *More than Meets the Eye: Reconsidering Variability in Iroquoian Ceramics*, **Canadian Journal of Archaeology** 31: 143-170.

2) C. Meghan and J. O'Shea (2006) *Bear's Journey and the Study of Ritual in Archaeology*. **American Antiquity** 71(2):261-282.