

ANTHROPOLOGY 2100-650
Archaeology and World Prehistory
BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE
Fall/Winter 2024-25



Instructor and course information:

Instructor: Dr. Pete Timmins

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Credit value: 1.0 credit

Prerequisites: None.

Antirequisites: None.

Mode of Delivery: Online. It is *asynchronous*, meaning that students will be provided with a variety of lesson materials and activities that can be done throughout the week, although there may be tasks that must be completed by specific times.

Course Description:

This course provides an introduction to the discipline of archaeology and an overview of world prehistory. The course is divided into four segments. The first introduces archaeological method

and theory, the second part covers the origins of modern humans and their dispersal around the world, the third covers post-Pleistocene adaptations including the origins of agriculture, and the fourth segment deals with the rise of complex societies. The course concludes with a brief discussion of the current state of archaeology and the future of the discipline. A full course schedule including a week-by-week breakdown of topics and assigned readings will be available on the course's OWL Brightspace site before the first day of class.

Course Materials:

Each week students will view lectures presented as videos of slide shows with voice over narration by the Instructor. These lessons will be supplemented by readings from the text and optional links to relevant online resources.

Textbook:

Chazan, Michael 2021 *World Prehistory and Archaeology: Pathways through Time*, 5th Edition, Routledge/Taylor & Francis.

This is a well-written, well-illustrated and comprehensive text on world prehistory. Students should read the assigned sections in conjunction with each lesson. The text will be available at the Western Bookstore by September.

Evaluation:

Student evaluation will be broken down as follows:

Weekly Participation in Discussions (Lessons 2-25)	40%
Weekly Quizzes (Lessons 2-25)	30%
First Term Reflection Paper (due early December)	15%
Second Term Reflection Paper (due early April)	15%

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