

Department of Anthropology
ANTH 2231A-001 - Archaeologies of Migration
BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE
Fall 2024

Date: July 26, 2024

Instructor and course information:

Instructor: Dr. Trish Markert

Method of delivery: In person

Credit value: 0.5

Antirequisites: None.

Prerequisites: None.

Course Description:

This course explores the archaeology of human migration by examining the material ways historic and contemporary movements shape our world, as well as the varied ways archaeologists approach the sites, communities, and narratives that arise from those movements. We live in a world that is constantly on-the-move. Even for those of us that stay in one place, we are touched somehow by migration. What material traces (e.g., artifacts, buildings, bones, landscapes) do migrations generate, or leave in their wake? What are the prevailing ideas, myths, and beliefs that surround human movement in the past and present? How can archaeology be used to understand migrations and the many, intersecting ways they structure landscapes, communities, and histories through time? In this course, we will critically engage with migration narratives, past and present, by examining archaeological sites alongside the myths that surround human movement today. Topics include mobility, immigration, displacement, forced migration, diaspora, settler colonialism, and borders. We will also address archaeological methods, interdisciplinary approaches, and ethical considerations for working at sites of migration.

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:

No textbook. Required readings will be available through the Course Readings tool on the course site.

Evaluation:

Grades will be based on the following:

- In-class migration labs (weekly group activities)
- Materials of Migration Exhibit (due after Reading Week)
- Two take-home exams (multiple-choice, true-false, matching, and short answer questions; the first will take place before Reading Week, the second during the final exam period)

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