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# ANTY 351H.01: Archaeology of North America

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## Anthropology 351H: ARCHAEOLOGY OF NORTH AMERICA

### SYLLABUS

**Instructor:** Lisa M. Smith; Office: Social Sciences 232; E-mail: [lisa.smith@umontana.edu](mailto:lisa.smith@umontana.edu);  
Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday 11-1, or by appointment.

This class will provide a survey of North American archaeology with a focus on the pre-European record. The course is broken into sections according to geographic regions. Topics covered will include interpreting the archaeological record, peopling of the Americas, Paleoindian and Archaic period adaptations, the emergence of complex hunter-gatherers, and the development of agriculture. There will also be discussions about archaeology as political action, public outreach, and archaeological method and theory.

**Prerequisites:** None

#### **Texts and Readings:**

Neusius, Sarah W. and Timothy G. Gross  
2013 *Seeking Our Past (2<sup>nd</sup> edition): An Introduction to North American Archaeology*. Oxford University Press.

Supplementary materials will also be posted on Moodle.

#### **Grading Determination:**

**Exams:** There are a total of three exams, each will cover a third of the course and will be worth 100 points. Exam questions will include multiple choice, fill in the blank, short answer, and short essay. Students unable to take the exam during the scheduled day must notify the instructor prior to schedule a time during which to make it up. Make-ups must be conducted within a reasonable time allotment, ideally no longer than a week out of the exam.

**Research Assignment:** Each student must also prepare a research paper on a topic relevant to this class. Papers must be ten pages, double-spaced, and Times New Roman, 12 point font. Research can focus on any topic covered in this class, including peopling of the Americas, Paleoindian adaptations, complex hunter-gatherers of the Canadian Plateau, Plains bison hunters, Mississippian chiefdoms, etc. You must cite **at least** four archaeological sources (excluding your text book, websites, and public readers such as National Geographic); these may include academic books and scholarly journals such as *American Antiquity*, *Science Magazine*, *Journal of Archaeological Science*, etc. We will go over proper paper and citation format in class. Please note that plagiarism will not be tolerated! The paper is due Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm and is worth 100 points.

*Graduate students:* Must also give a 15 minute presentation on their papers, worth 25 points.

**Attendance:** Worth 25 points, will be earned by all students with 5 or fewer absences.

There are 425 points possible in this class (450 for graduate students). Grades are broken down by the following:

*Undergraduate students:* A= 382-425 points; B= 340-381 points; C= 297-339 points; D= 255-338 points; F= <255 points

*Graduate students:* A= 405-450 points; B= 360-404 points; C=<403 points

**Note:** Please respect your instructor and fellow classmates by turning off your cell phones. There is no texting, playing video games, surfing the internet, checking facebook, etc. allowed during class.

### **Textbook Reading List and Lecture Schedule\***

<i>(Aug 27)</i> <b>Course Introduction</b>	
<i>(Aug 29)</i> <b>Reconstructing the Past</b>	Chapter 1
<i>(Sept 3)</i> <b>Peopling of the Americas</b>	Chapters 2 and 3
<i>(Sept 5)</i> <b>Clovis Culture</b>	Chapters 2 and 3
<i>(Sept 10&amp;12)</i> <b>Other Paleoindian Adaptations</b>	Chapters 2 and 3
<i>(Sept 17&amp;19)</i> <b>Cultures of the Arctic</b>	Chapter 4
<i>(Sept 24)</i> <b>EXAM 1</b>	
<i>(Sept 26&amp;Oct 1)</i> <b>Foragers of the Subarctic</b>	Chapter 4
<i>(Oct 3&amp;8)</i> <b>Complex Hunter-Gatherers on the Northwest Coast</b>	Chapter 5
<i>(Oct 10&amp;15)</i> <b>Hunting-Gathering-Fishing People of the Plateau</b>	Chapter 6
<i>(Oct 17&amp;22)</i> <b>Cultural Diversity in Alta and Baja California</b>	Chapter 7
<i>(Oct 24&amp;29)</i> <b>Cultural Adaptation of the Southwest</b>	Chapter 9
<i>(Oct 31)</i> <b>EXAM 2</b>	
<i>(Nov 5&amp;7)</i> <b>Big Game Hunters of the Great Plains</b>	Chapter 10
<i>(Nov 12&amp;14)</i> <b>Broad-Spectrum Foragers in the Great Basin</b>	Chapter 8
<i>(Nov 19&amp;21)</i> <b>People of the Northern and Coastal Eastern Woodlands</b>	Chapter 12
<i>(Nov 26)</i> <b>Foragers and Farmers of the Eastern Woodlands</b>	Chapter 11
<i>(Nov 28)</i> <b>THANKSGIVING—NO CLASS</b>	
<i>(Dec 3)</i> <b>Foragers and Farmers of the Eastern Woodlands</b>	Chapter 11
<i>(Dec 6)</i> <b>Public Outreach in Archaeology</b>	Chapter 14
<i>(Dec 7, 5 pm)</i> <b>RESEARCH PAPERS DUE</b>	
<i>(Dec 12, 10:10 am-12:10 pm)</i> <b>EXAM 3</b>	

\*This schedule is subject to change. Supplementary readings will be announced weekly and posted on Moodle.