

Anthropology (ANTH) 272

Introduction to Archaeology (Revision 3)

Status:	Replaced with new revision, see the course listing for the current revision ✕
Delivery mode:	Individualized study online with Video component (Overseas students, please contact the University Library before registering in a course that has an audio/visual component)
Credits:	3
Areas of study:	Arts or Social Science
Prerequisites:	None
Precluded:	None
Challenge:	ANTH 272 is not available for challenge.
Faculty:	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Overview


This course is designed to provide you with an extensive overview of the theories, methods, and practice of archaeology. It examines the nature and aims of archaeology; the methods and material remains used to reconstruct the past; the economic, social, political, and ideological systems of human experience; the biology of people of the past; the causes of culture change; and the place of archaeology in our contemporary world.

Outline

The course consists of the following three units:

- Unit 1: The Framework of Archaeology
- Unit 2: Discovering the Variety of Human Experience
- Unit 3: The World of Archaeology

Evaluation

To **receive credit** in ANTH 272, you must achieve a minimum of D (50 percent) on both the midterm and final examinations and an overall grade of **D (50 percent)**  for the entire course. The weighting of the composite grade is as follows:

Activity	Weight
Quiz 1	5%
Assignment 1	20%
Midterm Exam	20%
Quiz 2	5%
Assignment 2	30%

Activity	Weight
Final Exam	20%
Total	100%

The **midterm and final examinations** for this course must be requested in advance and written under the supervision of an AU-approved exam invigilator. Invigilators include either ProctorU or an approved in-person invigilation centre that can accommodate online exams. Students are responsible for payment of any invigilation fees. Information on exam request deadlines, invigilators, and other exam-related questions, can be found at the **Exams and grades** section of the Calendar.

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's **online Calendar**.

Materials

Muckle, Robert J., ed. *Reading Archaeology: An Introduction*. Toronto, ON:

University of Toronto Press Incorporated, 2011. (Print)

Renfrew, Colin, and Paul Bahn. *Archaeology: Theories, Methods, and Practice*.

8th ed. New York: Thames and Hudson Inc., 2019. (Print)

The African Burial Ground: An American Discovery. Produced and directed by

David Kutz. Brooklyn: Kutz Television, Inc., 1994. (Audio/Video)

Note: The video is available in the course Digital Reading Room and from the Athabasca University Library. **To successfully complete this course, you must watch the video.**

Optional Course Components

Several video programs are listed as optional, but highly recommended, viewing for this course. All the videos are either available in the course DRR or from the Athabasca University Library. Although the videos are not required viewing, they will add significantly to your learning experience. If you are unable to view any of these programs, alternative readings are listed in the Study Guide.

Important links

- Academic advising
- Program planning
- Request assistance
- [Support services](#)

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