



# Anthropology (ANTH) 476

## Archaeological Theory (Revision 5)

**Status:**

Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#) for the current revision

**Delivery mode:**

Individualized study online with eText

**Credits:**

3

**Areas of study:**

Arts or Social Science

**Prerequisites:**

ANTH 272 or ANTH 277 or permission of course coordinator

**Precluded:**

None

**Challenge:**

ANTH 476 has a challenge for credit option.

**Faculty:**

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

## Overview



*Anthropology 476: Archaeological Theory* is a senior-level anthropology course designed to provide the student with an understanding of the historical development of the theoretical aspects of the discipline of archaeology. Additionally, ANTH 476 provides an introduction to current theoretical trends taking place within anthropological archaeology.

## Outline


*Anthropology 476: Archaeological Theory* is divided into ten (10) units, each of which examines a specific topic in archaeological theory.


- Introduction
- Unit 1 Introducing Archaeological Theory
- Unit 2 The Antiquarian Roots of Archaeology
- Unit 3 Early Approaches to Scientific Archaeology
- Unit 4 Culture-Historical Archaeology
- Unit 5 Functionalism
- Unit 6 Neoevolutionism and the New Archaeology
- Unit 7 The Rise of Postprocessual Archaeology
- Unit 8 Current Theoretical Issues (I)
- Unit 9 Current Theoretical Issues (II)
- Unit 10 The Future of Archaeological Theory

## Evaluation


To **receive credit**  for ANTH 476, students must complete a research paper outline, a research paper, a midterm examination, and a final examination, and achieve a minimum grade of D (50 percent) on both the midterm and final examinations, and an overall grade of **D (50 percent)**  for the entire course. All work must be submitted or completed by the end of your course contract date.


<b>Activity</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Assignment 1: research paper outline	15%
Midterm examination	30%
Assignment 2: research paper	25%
Final examination	30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Hodder, Ian (editor). 2012 *Archaeological Theory Today*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Polity Press, Cambridge.  (eText)

Praetzellis, Adrian. 2011 *Death by Theory: A Tale of Mystery and Archaeological Theory*. Revised ed. AltaMira Press, Lanham.  (Print)

Trigger, Bruce. 2006 *A History of Archaeological Thought*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.  (Print)

## eText

Registration in this course includes an electronic textbook. For more

information on [electronic textbooks](#) , please refer to our [eText Initiative site](#) .

## Other Resources

All other materials are available online.

## Challenge for credit

### Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about [challenge for credit](#) can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.





### Evaluation

To [receive credit](#) for the ANTH 476 challenge registration, students must complete a research paper, a midterm examination, and a final examination, and achieve a minimum grade of **D (50 percent)** on both the midterm and final examinations, and an overall grade of D (50 percent) for the entire course.

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1: research paper	40%
Midterm examination	30%
Final examination	30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Midterm and final examinations are 3 hours long, and must be written with an AU approved exam invigilator at an approved invigilation centre.

## Important links

- › [Academic advising](#) 
- › [Program planning](#) 
- › [Request assistance](#) 
- › [Support services](#) 
- › [ANTH476 Course Video](#)

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