



DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND EDUCATION

COURSE OUTLINE – ANTHROPOLOGY 2190

World Prehistory – FALL 2012, WF 1:00-2:20P, B201

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OFFICE HOURS: 11:30a-12:30p, Wednesday and Friday

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: None.

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

The Human Past, 2nd edition (2009; Textbook)

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

An introductory archaeology course that provides an overview of New and Old World prehistory; spans the earliest origins of humans, the spread of anatomically modern humans, the development of hunting and gathering societies, the origins of food production, and the emergence of ancient urban societies.

CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS: 3 / 3 per week

DELIVERY MODE(S): Lecture

OBJECTIVES:

Students must grasp basic evolutionary theory and human evolution, the domestication of plants and animals, as well as human sedentism, and basic knowledge of the five “pristine civilizations”: Egypt, Mesopotamia, Indus, Chinese, and Maya.

TRANSFERABILITY: UA, UC, UL, AU, KUC, GMU

**** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability**

GRADING CRITERIA:

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE			
GRADING CONVERSION CHART			
Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Designation
A⁺	4.0	90 – 100	EXCELLENT
A	4.0	85 – 89	
A⁻	3.7	80 – 84	FIRST CLASS STANDING
B⁺	3.3	77 – 79	
B	3.0	73 – 76	GOOD
B⁻	2.7	70 – 72	
C⁺	2.3	67 – 69	SATISFACTORY
C	2.0	63 – 66	
C⁻	1.7	60 – 62	
D⁺	1.3	55 – 59	MINIMAL PASS
D	1.0	50 – 54	
F	0.0	0 – 49	FAIL
WF	0.0	0	FAIL, withdrawal after the deadline

EVALUATIONS:

Wikipedia Project 13 percent

In-Class Tests 32 percent (18 percent x 2 exams)

Take-Home Test 20 percent

Current Events 10 percent (5 percent x 2 presentations)

**Debates 25 percent (10 percent: Sedentism,
15 percent: Ancient Model-U.N.)**

Percents/points are awarded for work described above. Points can be awarded in fractions. Visit or email me at any time to get your current point total.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Tests There will be three tests in this class. The first (I) will cover evolution and domestication. The second test (II) will cover early civilizations . The final test (III) will be a take-home essay. I will provide you with a study guide prior to each test.

Projects There will be two small projects for this class. The first will challenge you to fact-check a Wikipedia entry. The second project will be the presentation of new findings germane to human history. A handout will be given for each of these projects.

Debates Two debates will take place during this course: whether or not the sedentary lifestyle is adaptive (Debate I) and an “Ancient Model-U.N.” (Debate II).

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Admission Guide at

<http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/*

COURSE SCHEDULE:

Section 1: Human Evolution (September 7 – October 10):

<i>Introduction (Sep. 7)</i>	Chapter 1	Syllabus (Sep. 7)
<i>Evolution (Sep. 12-21)</i>	Moodle PDFs	
<i>Library Orientation (Sept. 19)</i>		
<i>Human Ancestors (Sep. 26-Oct. 10)</i>	Chapter 2, 3, 4; Human Edge	
<i>Recent Developments (Oct. 12-19)</i>	Chapter 5, 6	1st Presentation (≤Oct. 19) Test I (Oct. 24) Debate I (Oct. 26)

Section 2: “Pristine Civilizations” (October 31 – December 5):

<i>Egypt (Oct. 31-Nov. 2)</i>	Chapter 10	
<i>Mesopotamia (Nov. 7-14)</i>	Chapter 12	Wikipedia Project (Oct. 10)
<i>Fall Break: No Class (Nov. 9-13)</i>	-	
<i>Indus (Nov. 16-21)</i>	Chapter 14	
<i>China (Nov. 23-28)</i>	Chapter 15	
<i>Maya (Nov. 30-Dec. 5)</i>	Chapter 16	2nd Presentation (≤Nov. 30) Debate II (Nov. 30) Test II (Dec. 7) Test III (Dec. 14)

Policies:

Honor & Plagiarism All students are bound by the honor code as outlined at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/downloads/documents/Student%20Misconduct%20Plagiarism%20and%20Cheating.pdf>. This includes prohibitions against cheating, plagiarism, or alteration of documents. Furthermore, disruption of classes, theft, abuse, harassment, improper or illegal use of substances, or firearm possession will not be tolerated. Please direct any questions to me, the department chair, or dean.

Disability Students with disabilities should work through the Disability Access Office, <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/students/disabilities/index.html>. Please make me aware of any specific needs well in advance of tests or homework that would be affected.

Disruptive Behaviour Disruptive behaviour including harassment will not be tolerated. I refer you to <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/downloads/documents/StudentRightsandResponsibilities.pdf> (responsibility no. 14). If you feel you have been discriminated against or harassed in any way, please let me know immediately. If you are uncomfortable talking to me, I would be happy to help you find somebody else to whom you may speak.

Phone & E-Mail Please turn off your phone during class. Phones on silent or vibrate can still cause distraction. I promptly answer emails Monday-Friday, 8:00a-4:00p. Please plan accordingly.

Make-up Exam Make-up exams will not be given. Exams are given as per the schedule set out on the syllabus, please make your plans accordingly. Please contact me *well in advance* if there are conflicts in your schedule (i.e., not the day or night before the test).

Attendance Class attendance is your responsibility. We will be covering material not in the book, which will appear on the test. If you will be missing a class, I do appreciate an email to let me know. Please arrange to get the notes you missed from a fellow student.