PRINCIPLES OF ARCHAEOLOGY: AN INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL METHOD AND THEORY

ANTH 110P Fall Quarter 2005

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Course web page URL: http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/05F/anthro110p-1/

Course Description: Anthropology 110P provides a survey of basic archaeological theories, methods, and practice including the ways in which data are recognized, recovered, analyzed, interpreted, and presented. Intended primarily for majors and minors in Anthropology and closely related disciplines, the course seeks to describe the current state of archaeological studies, in part by exploring their historical roots. Case studies from around the world are employed to examine the ways in which archaeological methods and theories are put into practice.

Course Prerequisite: Anthropology 8

Required Textbooks:


2. Additional readings posted on class website

Readings: Students are expected to complete required readings by the dates indicated. The texts and lectures are complementary and both include appropriate material from which examination questions will be drawn. Additional readings not listed in this syllabus may be assigned throughout the quarter.

Attendance: Every student is required to attend all lectures each week. Attendance is a factor in calculating final grades.

Papers, Examinations, and Grading Policy: There will be two mandatory assignments in this class including one in-class midterm exam (November 8, 2005) and a 10 page research paper (Due December 1, 2005). A one-page, point form outline for your research paper is due on November 15, 2005. The midterm exam and paper are equally weighted (100 points each = Total 200 points).

The midterm exam will consist of a combination of multiple choice and short answer questions. The paper outline must provide a title for your paper, list of sections, key ideas and at least three sources. The full ten-
page paper is due by 4PM in the Anthropology Main Office (Haines Hall 341) on Thursday, December 1, 2005. You must turn in both a paper copy and an electronic copy via email. NO LATE PAPERS WILL BE ACCEPTED! NO EXCEPTIONS!

The final exam (Friday, December 16, 2005) is OPTIONAL and can be taken to improve your grade. If you take the final exam, your final grade will be calculated using the two top grades from the three assignments.

NOTE: With the exception of students with documented learning disabilities, special individual arrangements for the timing of exams cannot be made! If you cannot be present to take the midterm or final at their scheduled times, or hand in the paper on or before the assigned due date, drop the course now!

Incomplete grades: Incompletes will be granted only under exceptional circumstances.

Statement on Cheating & Plagiarism: Cheating and plagiarism are violations of the University Code of Academic Integrity, and carry penalties as severe as dismissal from the University. While most students are aware of what constitutes cheating in the case of examinations, many are genuinely confused about what it means to “plagiarize” in writing a paper. Plagiarism is the use of the work of another author without giving appropriate credit. Practically, what it means is that when you take a fact, an idea, or a passage of writing (a “quotation”) from the work of another author, you must provide an appropriate citation. Sometimes the meaning of “take an idea” can be unclear. Some ideas need not be cited: ideas that are in the public domain (that Tucson is very hot, for instance), well-established and generic ideas, like asserting that “Language is the fundamental behavior that differentiates human beings from their nearest primate relatives”, and folkloric or vernacular ideas: “It has been said that in the American West, water flows uphill to money”. If you use a fact, idea, or quotation from your reading, you must attribute it! There are standard formats for such attribution, including lists of “References Cited”, which differ slightly from field to field. American archaeology uses a citation format established by the journal American Antiquity and described at www.saa.org/Publications/StyleGuide/styframe.html. You must follow American Antiquity style guidelines for all written exercises in this course. If you have any doubt about the meaning of plagiarism, or how to define the boundary between legitimate information-sharing and outright cheating, you should consult with Brantingham at your earliest convenience.

NOTE: Cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated. Cheating and plagiarism come with serious costs including potential dismissal from the University. You will receive a SCORE OF ZERO (0) on any assignments where it has been shown that cheating or plagiarism was involved.

NOTE: All research papers will be submitted to www.turnitin.com for your protection.

Important Dates:
• Midterm Exam: November 8, 2005 (IN CLASS).
• Paper Outline Due: November 15, 2005 (IN CLASS)
• Paper Due: December 1, 2005 (by 4PM, Haines Hall 341).
• Final Exam (OPTIONAL): 11:30AM-2:30PM, December 16, 2005 (Location TBA).

General Problems: If you wish to discuss matters related to the lectures and reading, or in the event of any difficulties, you should not hesitate to contact Dr. Brantingham directly during walk-in office hours on Tuesdays (Haines Hall 311) or by appointment (310-267-4251; branting@ucla.edu).