

**Anth 4811 FA Zooarchaeology Lab & Curation
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This class is a hands-on look at the preparation of skeletal material for teaching and reference purposes. During this class students will work on three segments: 1) catalogue and curate specimens from the existing collections which will be presented in a portfolio that will include information on each animal, diagrams, and a spreadsheet (20%); 2) deflesh (3) and catalogue the skeletons from their defleshing exercise as well as 3 others. These exercises will then be presented in a portfolio that will include information on each animal, diagrams, and a spreadsheet (50%); 3) learn how to identify the Minimal number of Elements (MNE), the Minimal number of Individuals (MNI) and apply it to archaeological collections (10%). A log will be kept during for the second segment of the class and a write up will be required at the end explaining what was learned throughout the entire course (20%).

Students are to book time with the instructor to work on the various projects in this course. We will be using BB0016 when removing flesh from the bones and placing them in an incubator near CB3014. The fume hood in CB3014 will be used when changing the solution and removing additional flesh. Solutions will need to be checked every 2-3 days and changed, if this is not possible, make arrangements for the instructor to check for you (PLEASE NOTE: We are borrowing some space from Biology, therefore once you begin a specimen you must finish it!!!). Everything else will be done in BB0016 or BB0017.

Mark Breakdown

Segment 1 (20%)

- Organization and Research (10%)
- Cataloguing (10%)

Segment 2 (50%)

- Participation (15%)
- Notes (10%)
- Organization and Research (10%)
- Cataloguing (15%)

Segment 3 (10%)

- MNI and MNE Counts (10%)

Write Up (20%)