

ANCIENT PEOPLES AND PLACES (ANTH 2151)

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Delivery mode(s); online, synchronous and asynchronous



Course description:

An overview of Old and New World archaeology, with particular emphasis on the development of humans and culture from hunting/gathering to agricultural and ancient urban societies in Mesoamerica, Europe, Egypt, Mesopotamia, the Indus Valley, and China.

Required text:

Chazan, Michael, World Prehistory and Archaeology: Pathways Through Time [latest edition]

Grading:

- Written assignment (10-12 pages double spaced, not including figures or references): **30%**
 - A written report describing, and discussing, the archaeological significance of any recent (last 5-10 years) archaeological using peer-reviewed resources (journal articles and/or academic books). Evaluation will focus on the quality of your writing, the depth of your research (minimum 10 peer-reviewed sources), organization, and other criteria. Follow the APA style guide for formatting your paper.
 - Due date: **April 13, 2021**
- Midterm exam: **30%**
 - Format to be determined, but will likely comprise multiple choice questions
 - Online only (through D2L)
 - Test questions will be derived from the lecture material and required textbook
 - "Open-book", with a time limit
 - **Date/time:** Thursday, Feb. 25, 11:30 – 1:00 pm
- Final exam: **40%**

Other information

- Students are responsible for ensuring that they are properly registered in this class.
- See the LU Calendar for information on academic integrity, examinations, grade appeals, and other important regulations of which you should be aware.
- Late term papers and other assignments will be deducted **10% per day** from the final grade for that assignment.
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Module	Topic	Readings
1	Introduction to course Why study ancient civilizations?	Chazan ch. 1 & 2
2	Brief introduction to hominin evolution	Chazan ch. 3 & 4
3	Hominins (cont.)	
4	Upper Paleolithic: general characteristics First peopling of Australia and the New World	Chazan ch. 5 & 6
(Feb 25)	Midterm exam (75 min.)	
5	The origins of agriculture (introduction) Early food production in the Near East	Chazan ch. 7
6	The first European farmers	Chazan ch. 7
7	Early agricultural societies in China The first farmers in Mesoamerica Spread of agriculture into North America	Chazan ch. 8 & 9
8	Development of state-level societies Complex societies in Mesopotamia	Chazan ch. 10 & 11
9	Ancient Egypt	Chazan ch. 11
10	Indus Valley tradition (Harappan civilization)	Chazan ch. 12
11	Early state-level societies in China	Chazan ch. 12
12	TBA	TBA
	Final Exam (TBA)	