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Course Description  
This course focuses on the archaeology of American Indian cultures in North America. Major topics explored include the peopling of the Americas, the origins of North American agriculture, the rise of social complexity in various parts of North America, the impacts of European colonization on American Indian societies, and modern archaeological practice in the United States. Obviously in a ten-week quarter this course cannot cover all of the archaeology of North America, but students will receive a broad overview of major research topics. One of the primary goals of the course is to explore the most current debates in North American archaeology through readings of primary sources written for archaeologists and the public. Course requirements include two short writing assignments, a midterm, and a final.

Readings: There is one required text for the course. Additional readings will be posted as PDF files or web links on the course Moodle page. Readings should be done before you come to class in order to follow lecture most efficiently. I will set aside time in each class to answer questions about the readings. A copy of the textbook is on 2-hour reserve at the College Library.

Required Text:  

Grading & Other Expectations of Students  
Your grade will be based upon the following:  
Midterm (Monday, February 4) 30%  
Writing Assignments (15% each) 30%  
Final (Tuesday, March 19, 3-5PM) 40%

Exams in this class draw heavily from lecture. You are unlikely to perform well in this class if you do not attend lectures regularly. Review of posted lecture slides is not a substitute for attendance.

Exams: Exams will cover information from readings, lectures, and writing assignments. Exams will include both multiple-choice and short essay questions. Make-up exams will only be given under extreme circumstances and must be approved prior to the regular exam date by the instructor.

Writing Assignments: Students will write two short writing assignments exploring current issues in North American archaeology. Instructions will be posted on Moodle at least one week prior to when the assignments are due. Writing assignments are due in class (or prior to class) and no late assignments are accepted unless prior arrangements are made with the instructor. All assignments must be typed. No assignments may be turned in via email. It is wise to keep a copy of all of your assignments until grades are finalized at the end of the quarter.

General Class Rules: If something arises that affects your performance in class, please notify the instructor as soon as possible. Due date or exam date changes generally must be approved well in advance.
Incomplete grades will not be granted except under truly extraordinary circumstances approved by the instructor.

**Cheating and Plagiarism** are unethical and represent serious violations that will be dealt with according to UCLA policies. You will receive a zero on assignments where it has been determined that you are guilty of plagiarism or cheating. Cheating is presenting the work of others as your own. Plagiarism is using information and/or original wording in your writing without giving proper credit to the source. If you utilize an author’s argument, paraphrase a sentence closely, quote a source directly, or use a source to obtain an uncommonly known fact, you must provide a citation to the publication including author, date, and page number (e.g., Smith 1970:376). If you use a direct quote, even in an assignment, you must use quotation marks and a page number citation for each quoted sentence or phrase. If you have any questions about the necessity of, or proper form for, a citation, please ask before turning in an assignment. An excellent explanation of plagiarism written for college students can be found on the following website: [http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml](http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml)

Information about UCLA’s policies on plagiarism and tips to avoid it can be found at: [http://unitproj.library.ucla.edu/col/bruinsuccess/03/01.cfm](http://unitproj.library.ucla.edu/col/bruinsuccess/03/01.cfm)

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**Course Calendar**

(subject to change)

*Week 1 (Jan 7-11): History of North American Archaeology & Archaeology and American Indians (NAA Preface, Ch. 1, 14)*

*Week 2 (Jan 14-18): Settling of the Americas (NAA Ch. 2; Grayson and Meltzer 2003; *A Journey to a New Land)*

*Week 3 (Jan 21-25): The New Archaic (NAA Ch. 4)*

Jan 21: MLK Day – NO CLASS

Jan 25: **Writing Assignment #1 Due in class**

*Week 4 (Jan 28-Feb 1): Origins of Agriculture in North America (Mabry 2008; Smith 1989)*

*Week 5 (Feb 4-8): Early & Middle Woodland Societies in the Mississippi Valley (NAA Ch. 5)*

Feb 4: **MIDTERM**

*Week 6 (Feb 11-15): Mississippian Chiefdoms (NAA Ch. 8)*

*Week 7 (Feb 18-22): The Chacoan Regional System in the Southwest (NAA Ch. 10; Ancient Chaco’s New History)*

Feb 18: President’s Day – NO CLASS

*Week 8 (Feb 25-Mar 1): The Southern Southwest – Hohokam and Paquimé (NAA Ch. 9; Fish & Fish 2008; The Casas Grandes Community)*

*Week 9 (Mar 4-8): Complex Hunter-Gatherers on the Pacific Coast (NAA Ch. 3)*

Mar 4: **Writing assignment #2 due in class**

*Week 10 (Mar 11-15): Colonial Encounters (NAA Ch. 11) & Archaeology in the United States Today (NPS Archeology Laws and Ethics; Citizen’s Guide to Section 106)*

**FINAL EXAM TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 3-5PM**