

Minnesota State University Moorhead

ANTH 115: Introduction to Archaeology

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

Review of archaeological study with special emphasis on the interdisciplinary nature of archaeology. Archaeological methods and techniques are explained as aspects of the process of discovery. Introduction to the major phases in human culture history from the earliest toolmakers to the rise of civilization. MnTC Goal 5.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 04/11/2000 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. definition of archaeology
2. history of the field of archaeology
3. archaeological methods
4. cultural resource management
5. world culture history from Paleolithic through Bronze Age

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Be familiar with and able to use the vocabulary of archaeology
2. Understand archaeological dating including relative and absolute methods
3. Recognize how archaeological sites are found, defined, and studied
4. Know the major stages in the development of human culture over the past 2.5 million years

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
3. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted