

## ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST

Arch/Anth 4620

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ENV 241

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### Course Objective:

This class is a survey of Southwestern archaeology. The course is reading intensive and relies on lecture and discussion based on reading material. The goal of the class is to provide a general and brief exposure to topics in archaeology in different areas of the continent north of Mexico. Though topics are covered by sub-region and period, several current issues in archaeology are also subject matter for the course.

### Required Text:

There are periodic research articles that will be posted on-line at [www.geog.unt.edu/~wolverton/](http://www.geog.unt.edu/~wolverton/) and that will be announced in class as required reading.

Plog, S. 2008. *Ancient Peoples of the American Southwest*, second edition. Thames and Hudson, New York.

Noble, D. G. (editor)

2004. *In Search of Chaco: New Approaches to an Archaeological Enigma*. School of American Research Press, Santa Fe.

2006. *The Mesa Verde World: Explorations in Ancestral Pueblo Archaeology*. School of American Research Press, Santa Fe.

Fish, S. K. and P. R. Fish (editors)

2007 *The Hohokam Millennium*. School of American Research Press, Santa Fe.

### Grading Structure:

Four essay exams @ 150 pts each 600 pts

Notebook

Total 800 pts

### Class Grades

90% + = A, 80- 89.4% = B, 70 – 79.4% = C, 60 – 69.4% = D, ≤ 59.4 = F

### Grading Subjectivity:

Note—grading of essay material is a subjective activity; I will try to be as objective as possible, but final judgment calls rest with me.

### DISABILITY ACCOMODATION

The Department of Geography, in cooperation with the Office of Disability Accommodations, complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act in making reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. Please present your written accommodation request by the second lab.

#### **EXTRA CREDIT**

The Department of Geography does not allow extra credit assignments (work not specified on a course syllabus).

#### **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

Students caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a "0" for that particular assignment or exam. Additionally, the incident will be reported to Department of Geography for deliberation. According to the UNT catalog, the term "cheating" includes, but is not limited to: (a) use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations; (b) dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments; (c) the acquisition, without permission, of tests or other academic material belonging to a faculty or staff member of the university; (d) dual submission of a paper or project, or resubmission of a paper or project to a different class without express permission from the instructor(s); or (e) any other act designed to give a student an unfair advantage. Altering a returned test and claiming a grader or scanning machine made an error is also considered cheating. The term "plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to: (a) the knowing or negligent use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgment; and (b) the knowing or negligent unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials.

#### **CLASSROOM COURTESY**

Please follow these guidelines to avoid disrupting the class:

- (1) Turn off cell phones before arriving.
- (2) Do not arrive late or leave early (except for a bathroom break or emergency).
- (3) Do not sleep or eat during class.
- (4) Do not work on other assignments during class.
- (5) Do not talk when the instructor is lecturing, unless prompted for feedback by the instructor.

#### **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

After missing (excused or unexcused) 5 class periods a student will receive a WF for the course.

Students with perfect attendance will earn 3 final grade percentage points for participation added to their final percent grade (e.g., an 87% [B] would become a 90% [A]). There must be NO absences (*excused or unexcused*) to receive perfect attendance.

#### **TARDINESS POLICY**

Each tardiness of over 5 minutes = 0.5 absence.

## Course Outline

Week 1 Jan 19&21	North America	
Week 2 Jan 26 & 28	Culture and Environment of the Southwest	Plog, Ch. 1; MV Ch. 1`
Week 3 Feb 2&4	The Paleoindian period	Plog, Ch. 2
Week 4 9&11	The Archaic period <b>Exam 1 Thurs, Feb 11</b>	Plog, Ch. 3 MV Ch. 2 Feb
Week 5 Feb 16&18	The Rise of Villages	Plog, Ch. 4; MV Ch. 3
Week 6 Feb 23&25	The Rise of Pueblos	Plog Ch. 5 & 6
Week 7 Mar 2&4	The Mesa Verde Region	MV Ch. 4, MV Ch. 5
Week 8 Mar 9&11	The Mesa Verde Region <b>Exam 2 Thurs, Mar 11</b>	MV Ch. 12, MV Ch. 13
Week 9	Spring Break	
Week 10 Mar 23&25	The Mesa Verde Region	MV Chs. 14 -1 6
Week 11 Mar 30& Apr 1	The Mesa Verde Region	MV Ch. 17, MV Ch. 18
Week 12 Apr 6&8	Hohokam	HOK Ch. 1, 2, & 4
Week 13 Apr 13&15	Hohokam <b>Exam 3 Thurs, Apr 17</b>	HOK Ch. 5, 7, & 10
Week 14 Apr 22&24	Chaco	Chaco Chs. 2-4
Week 15 Apr 27&29	Chaco	Chaco Chs. 10, 13, 15
Week 16 May 4&6	Conclusion	Plog Chs. 7&8

**Exam 4 during final exam period Thursday May 13 @ 10:30am – 12:30pm in ENV 241.**