

HISTORICAL ECOLOGY (Arch 4620, Geog 4885)
MWF 9 to 9:50, Life Sciences A419

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Basic Information: Historical ecology is the study of the interactions between humans, biota, and landscapes at many temporal and spatial scales. This course is an exploration of historical ecology via biology, anthropology, geography, and at times archaeology. The course blends lecture and readings-based discussion using a variety literature resources.

Course Structure: Each week students will come having read the weekly materials, prepared for lecture and discussions. Student grades will be based on in class participation, unannounced pop quizzes over the readings, attendance, and take home exams. *All take home exams will be uploaded by the due date on via a turnitin.com portal through Blackboard.*

Reading Material

See course outline and Blackboard content folders

Percentage Allocation

In class pop quizzes	20%
Discussion Exercises	20%
Take home exams, n = 4	15% each

Final Grades: 89.5 to 100% = A, 79.5 to 89.4 = B, 69.5 to 79.4 = C, 59.5 to 69.5 = D, ≤ 59.4 = F

There will be a 3% final grade increase for “perfect” attendance (see dictionary.com definition below).

per·fect

adj., n. 'pɜːfɪkt; v. pər'fekt Show Spelled [*adj., n.* **pur**-fikt; v. per-**fekt**] Show IPA

adjective

1. conforming absolutely to the description or definition of an ideal type: *a perfect sphere; a perfect gentleman.*
2. excellent or complete beyond practical or theoretical improvement: *There is no perfect legal code. The proportions of this temple are almost perfect.*
3. exactly fitting the need in a certain situation or for a certain purpose: *a perfect actor to play Mr. Micawber; a perfect saw for cutting out keyholes.*
4. entirely without any flaws, defects, or shortcomings: *a perfect apple; the perfect crime.*
5. accurate, exact, or correct in every detail: *a perfect copy.*

POLICIES

EXTRA CREDIT

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

ACCOMODATIONS

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to

faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at <http://www.unt.edu/oda>. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Students caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a "0" for that particular assignment or exam. Additionally, the incident will be reported to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities for further penalty. 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.

Drop Options for Lowest Exam Score (undergraduates only)

Students may drop their lowest exam score from the four exams if they visit the UNT Learning Center and take one of the Learning 101 Workshops <https://learningcenter.unt.edu/learning101>. To receive credit, the student must turn in a completed LC Workshop form signed by the workshop instructor, which can be found under Course Content on Blackboard.

The workshop must be taken before 5 pm on Friday, March 10th.