

Department of Anthropology  
**ANTHRO 2229-001: Principles of Archaeology**  
**BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE**  
**Fall 2025**

*Date: July 23, 2024*

**Instructor and course information:**

Instructor: Dr. Neal Ferris

Method of delivery: In person

Credit value: 0.5

Antirequisites: None.

Prerequisites: None.

**Course Description:**

This course provides an overview of the goals, theory and analytical methods of archaeology as practiced by anthropologists. The course serves to provide a basic exploration of how archaeologists study the material remains of peoples, and how the practice of archaeology is shaped by the contemporary world archaeologists are a part of today

A full course schedule including a week-by-week breakdown of topics and assigned readings will be available on the course's OWL Brightspace site before the first day of class.

**Course Materials:**

No Course Text will be assigned.

**Evaluation:**

Grades will be based on the following:

*In-class Labs = 25%*

*Campus Survey Project = 30%*

*Making Meaning from Someone's Garbage = 30%*

*Interviewing "Archaeologists" = 15%*

The majority of the evaluative content for this course is taught in class time, so it is essential to attend classes to do well in the course. There will be limited to no accommodations granted for missing in-class exercises or participating in in-class evaluative content since they are essential for this course. **But note that you can complete SOME of the assignments with partial participation.** *However, if you are concerned about your ability to regularly attend classes and participate in the in-class assignments as designed, please consider whether you should enroll in the course*

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