

Department of Anthropology
ANTHRO 3395G: Landscape Archaeology
BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE
Winter 2027

Date: June 16th, 2026

Instructor and Course Information:

Instructor: Alec McLellan

Method of delivery: In Person

Credit value: 0.5

Antirequisites: None

Prerequisites: Registration in third or fourth year in any program.

Course Description:

This course will explore the theories, methods, and applications of landscape archaeology. Students will learn about archaeological surveying, spatial analysis of archaeological evidence, and how archaeologists use these to interpret regional settlement systems, agricultural land use, regional exchange, and communication. They will also examine how ancient populations perceived and interpreted the landscape that surrounded them. Time will also be devoted to discussing the concept of cultural landscapes that unite oral histories, migrations, and traditional land use of Indigenous peoples. The use of remote sensing techniques for analyzing landscapes will also be emphasized.

Course Materials:

There is no course text assigned to this course. Reading, videos, and podcasts will be available without cost through the course site on Brightspace.

Evaluation:

Grades will be based on the following:

- Historic map comparison project (comparing historical and modern maps of London)
- Reflecting on a landscape experience (Virtual Reality immersion at an archaeological site)
- GIS-based landscape study (using an open-source software to investigate a landscape)
- Final exam (multiple-choice questions, true-and-false questions, and a short essay; will take place during the exam period)

Historic map comparison project	15%
Reflection on a landscape experience	25%
GIS-based landscape study	30%
Final Exam	30%
Total	100%