

## Appendix H



## COURSE OUTLINE

Last Revised:

Last Reviewed:

### COURSE INFORMATION

**Course Title:** Archaeology

**Course Number:** ARCH 100

**Credits:** 3

**Total Weeks:** 14 (Fall, Spring)  
12 (Summer)

**Total Hours:** 39

**Course Level:**  First Year  Second Year  
 New  Revised Course  
 Replacement Course

**Department:** Humanities

**Department Head:** P. Best

**Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable):** N/A

**Pre-requisites (If there are no prerequisites, type NONE):** None

**Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE):** None

**Precluded Courses:** N/A

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to the subject of archaeology, from its origins as a field of study up to the modern practice in both academic and private spheres. A focus will be placed on the development of archaeology as a discipline, how archaeology informs our understanding of the past, the process that leads archaeologists to choose their sites and excavate them, the relationships we can discover through material culture, and how culture is managed today. Drawing on information from sites around the world, students will gain the opportunity to compare and contrast the physical remains of a diverse assortment of global societies, from throughout the human past, as well as the various archaeological methods and practices employed today.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Appreciate the value of archaeology as a practice and field of study.
- Understand the variety of field techniques employed by archaeologists and how archaeological methods and theory has developed.
- Identify and explain the ways that various types of finds are dated and how they can inform our understanding of the human past.
- Analyze artifacts, excavation reports and articles relating to sites of different periods found around the world.
- Explain some of the ways that human cultural evolution is modeled and demonstrate an understanding of how societies of developed around the world.

### INSTRUCTION AND GRADING

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other ( <i>specify</i> ):	
Total	39

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**Grading System:** Letter Grades  Percentage  Pass/Fail  Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  Other

**Specify passing grade:** 50%

**Evaluation Activities and Weighting** (total must equal 100%)

Assignments: 10% <i>Specify number of, variety, and nature of assignments:</i> Artifact Analysis	Lab Work: %	Participation: 5% <i>Specify nature of participation:</i> Attendance, Preparation for Class, Discussion and Engagement	Project: 35% <i>Specify nature of project:</i> Research Proposal Research Essay
Quizzes/Test: %	Midterm Exam: 20%	Final Exam: 30%	Other: %

### TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

Provide a full reference for each text and/or resource material and include whether required/not required.

Brian M. Fagan and Nadia Durrani, *In the Beginning: An Introduction to Archaeology*, 14<sup>th</sup> ed. (Routledge, 2020)

### COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	Topic	Chapter
Week 1	What is Archaeology?	1
Week 2	The Development of Archaeological Practice	2-3
Week 3	Archaeology as an Art and Science	4-5
Week 4	Context and Dating Methods	6-7
Week 5	Survey and Non-Intrusive Investigation	8
Week 6	Excavation	9
Week 7	Flora and Fauna Midterm Exam Week	10
Week 8	Technologies and Typologies	11
Week 9	Stone and Subsistence	12-13
Week 10	Agriculture and 'Civilization'	14-15
Week 11	Interactions and Limitations	16-17
Week 12	CRM and Public Archaeology	18
Week 13	Archaeology and Contemporary Societies	19
Week 14	Final Exam Week	

**NOTES**

1. Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
2. To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: [bctransferguide.ca](http://bctransferguide.ca)
3. Weekly course topics and textbooks may vary.