

**Course Code:** ANT 200 (IAI S1 903)

**Course Title:** Introduction to Archaeology

**Department:** Arts, Media, and Social Sciences

**Effective Date:** Summer 2026

**PCS Code:** 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer

**CIP Code:** 45.0301

**Repeatability:** 0

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## Credit Hours

**Catalog Notation:** 3-0-3

**Credit Hour Distribution:**

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

**Total: 3**

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## General Course Information

### Catalog Description

General introduction to theory and methods of archaeology. Emphasis placed upon conduct of archaeological research. Archaeology of the Midwest given special attention. For anyone interested in finding out about the past. Optional field trips.

### General Course Objectives

To provide the student with an overview of the history of archaeology and its transition into a scientific discipline.

To provide the student with critical insight into the theoretic models available within archaeology.

To provide the student with methodological competencies in the conduct of archaeological research.

### Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 098	None	None

### Prerequisites

None

### Methods of Evaluation

Evaluation methods will include a midterm and final exam, 6-8 reading assignments (quizzes or discussions), 2 short papers (eight to ten pages total), and applied activities.

### Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Traces: An Open Invitation to Archaeology. American Anthropological Association, 2025.

<https://textbooks.whatcom.edu/tracesarchaeology/>

This required online textbook is an Open Educational Resource (OER), so is free of cost to students.

## Course Content

### General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.

### Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
The Framework of Archaeology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify major aspects of the modern discipline of anthropology.</li> <li>2. Significantly articulate the major theoretical and methodological motifs of the contemporary practice of archaeology.</li> <li>3. Explore and discuss the history of archaeology, science of archaeology, numerical and relative dating, typological methods, survey and excavation methods, and cultural and natural formation processes.</li> </ol>	9	0	0
Archaeology and the Variety of Human Experience	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify the primary characteristics of the societies characterized by archaeological study.</li> <li>2. Identify and discuss how social organizations and economic structures are constructed and discovered through archaeology.</li> <li>3. Explore how archaeology studies the social organizational characteristics for hunter-gatherer, segmentary, and state societies.</li> <li>4. Analyze how the environment affected societies and how people affected the landscape in the deep past, as well as how individuals in the archaeological record made a living, and how the concept of the individual in society emerged.</li> </ol>	9	0	0
Technology and the Bioarchaeology of People	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate competency in the analysis of prehistoric lithics, ceramics, glass, and other tool-making techniques.</li> <li>2. Demonstrate competency in the analysis of social distribution, production, and consumption systems.</li> <li>3. Identify physical attributes, abilities, pathologies, nutrition, and other characteristics of human remains in order to link them to population studies and symbolic identity building.</li> <li>4. Through hands-on activities, explore the use of tools and technology in ancient societies and how these affected trade and exchange patterns.</li> <li>5. Study and analyze concepts of cognitive archaeology, and the interpretation of art and religion in the archaeological record.</li> </ol>	15	0	0
Public Archaeology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Explore and analyze how cultural heritage is managed and discuss archaeology's contribution to this process.</li> <li>2. Explore and analyze the history and theory of archaeological ethics.</li> <li>3. Analyze case studies of archaeology's engagement with present day communities.</li> <li>4. Explore careers in archaeology and analyze responsible dissemination of archaeological reports.</li> </ol>	12	0	0

#### Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
45	0	0