

Course Expectations Letter

Subject: Introduction to Archaeology 103

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Catalog Course Description:

Archaeology is the study of past societies through the analysis of material remains. This general education course will survey the development of major cultural centers around the world including those found in Mesoamerica, South America, Egypt, China, Africa, and the Middle East. Examples drawn from many ancient sites will trace human societies from pre-agricultural communities, through the origins of agriculture, to the rise of major political and economic institutions. Students will learn how archaeologists discover information about the past, the history of the discipline, and the important issues confronting the field today. This course is designed for students who are interested in the field of archaeology or for students who plan to major in anthropology.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Course Objectives

The Student Will Be Able To:

- A. Explain how archaeologists use material remains to discover information about past societies.
- B. Describe the major steps in the archaeological process.
- C. Describe the lifestyles of people living in past pre-agricultural cultures.
- D. Identify the major changes that correspond to the shift to agricultural lifestyles.
- E. Identify the major areas of early cultural development around the world.
- F. Explain how subsistence patterns affect political and economic organization and other elements of past cultures.
- G. Describe the issues that archaeologists confront when engaging in investigations today.

By logging into Canvas you affirm that you are the student who enrolled in the course(s) and are the person who will complete the assigned work. Furthermore, you agree to follow the regulations regarding academic integrity, personal identification and the use of student information as described in

[BP 5500 \(Standards of Conduct\)](#) and [AP 5520 \(Student Conduct Procedures\)](#) which are the Rio Hondo College student conduct codes that govern student rights and responsibilities. You acknowledge that failure to abide by the regulations set forth in BP 5500 and AP 5520 may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from the college.

This is **NOT** a self-paced course. There are firm deadlines in this class. There are assignments due on a regular basis. Please plan your time carefully!

Textbook: Please consult the Bookstore for information at (562) 463-7345 or go to
[Rio Hondo College Online Bookstore](#)

This course will include regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include:

Email, Weekly Announcements, Weekly Discussion Boards, arranged virtual office hours or chats, Phone Calls if Necessary, Visits to Instructor's office hours if need be.

Course Requirements: Students should have access to a computer at least 3 times a week to log into our class, a high speed Internet connection, have both Rio Hondo email and external email addresses and know how to send/forward email, and most importantly a college level reading and writing ability. Online courses require a minimum of 3 hours per week of work which is equivalent to a traditional lecture course on campus. This course includes:

1. Weekly reading assignments from the textbook
2. Weekly Chapter Tests
3. Weekly Discussion Boards on topics related to archaeology- students must login and participate with each other responding to the instructors questions and other students on different days
4. Lessons or other assignments to complete during the class that must be emailed to the instructor
5. Textbook: Brian Fagan (2012) Archaeology: A Brief Introduction, 11th Edition. Pearson Publishers. ISBN: 978-0205240821 Rent or buy from Rio Bookstore or Rent from Amazon for \$16. Used and new paperbacks available from \$40-80 online..

The instructor may drop you for non-participation.

There will be a one to three business day delay after an add code is used before a student may be able to log on to Canvas.

For students new to online classes, it is highly recommended that you take the Online Orientation through our Online Education website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientations can be found at: <http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation//>

Email Responses: Instructors will make every attempt to respond to students in a timely fashion. Responses can take up to 48 hours before a response is received, excluding weekends and holidays.

Disability: A Student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the [Disabled Students & Programs](#) office at 562-908-3420 for more information.

Modifications and Disclaimer: The instructor reserves the right to modify the content of the course or any course procedure. It is the responsibility of the student to keep apprised of all changes. If the student wishes to drop the class he/she is responsible for initiating the drop. Do not take it for granted that you will be dropped. If you stop working and do not drop the course, you may get an undesirable grade.