

SYLLABUS

Code: ANTH 216

Title: Fieldwork In Archaeology

Institute: Business and Social Science

Department: Anthropology/Human
Geography/Sociology

Course Description: This course is designed as an introduction to archaeological field methods. Students will receive instruction in a broad range of archaeological activities, including excavation techniques, recording procedures, and field photography. This course will offer field training through the excavation of a selected historic site in Monmouth County.

Prerequisites:

Corequisites:

Prerequisites or Corequisites:

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK/MATERIALS:

Hester, Thomas R. et al. *Field Methods in Archaeology*. 8th edition. Mayfield Publishing Co. Mountain View, CA. 1997.

ADDITIONAL TIME REQUIREMENTS:

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Prepare a 5 x 5 unit square (Communication skills, Critical Thinking/ Problem Solving).
- Appraise required field experiences and unit notes (Communication Skills and Historical/Societal Perspective).
- Identify soil types using a Munsell Soil Chart (Information and Technological Literacy)
- Develop interpersonal teamwork skills by working cooperatively in a group (Community and Workplace)
- Analyze field experience by maintaining a field journal (Communication Skills and Information and Technological Literacy).
- Identify artifacts according to type (Communication Skills, Historical/ Societal Perspective, and Information and Technological Literacy)
- Categorize artifact features in terms of context (Communication skills, critical thinking/ problem solving, and Historical/ Societal Analysis)

Core Competencies: communication, critical thinking, historical/societal analysis, community and workplace, technological literacy, information literacy.

GRADING STANDARD:

This grading system applies to the course.

A	92 % and above
A-	90-91%
B+	86-89%
B	82-85%
B-	80-81%

SYLLABUS

C+	76-79%
C	70-75 %
D	60-69%
F	59% and below

Course Requirements:

Daily Journal Entries	20%
3 Quizzes on Readings	30%
Take-Home Final	20%
Participation/Attendance	30%

COURSE CONTENT:

- Archaeological field methods
- Unit measurement
- Excavation techniques
- Artifact identification
- Feature interpretation
- Learn to use a Munsell color chart for soil analysis
- Soil strata
- Historic vs pre-historic sites
- Site documentation
- Site preparation
- Lab reports
- Lab analysis/interpretation
- Field lab experience- artifact cleaning, identifying, repairing

DEPARTMENT POLICIES:

Attendance:

Attendance is very important. The course meets for six consecutive days with the expectation that you will attend each one of these daily sessions. The group relies on the presence of each field worker and your success in the course depends on your participation/ presence. No daily activity can be duplicated and there will be no opportunity to make-up missed journal entries or quizzes.

COLLEGE POLICIES:

For information regarding:

- ◆ Brookdale's Academic Integrity Code
- ◆ Student Conduct Code
- ◆ Student Grade Appeal Process

Please refer to the [BCC STUDENT HANDBOOK AND BCC CATALOG](#).

NOTIFICATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Brookdale Community College offers reasonable accommodations and/or services to persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who wish to self-identify must contact the Disabilities Services Office at 732-224-2730 (voice) or 732-842-4211 (TTY) to provide appropriate documentation of the disability, and request specific accommodations or services. If a student qualifies, reasonable accommodations and/or services, which are appropriate for the college level and are recommended in the documentation, can be approved.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT/LABS:

For information on tutoring visit <https://www.brookdalecc.edu/academic-tutoring/tutoring-center/>

SYLLABUS

The syllabus is intended to give student guidance in what may be covered during the semester and will be followed as closely as possible. However, the faculty member reserves the right to modify, supplement, and make changes as the need arises.