

World Prehistory (SS)

ANTH - 1030 002

Online

Course Description

This class is an introduction to the several million-year-old archaeological record of human prehistory. Students will examine broad patterns in prehistory and explore the richness of human creativity in foraging and farming cultures, as well as early states and empires.

Semester: All

Course Student Learning Outcomes

- Identify the major theoretical paradigms and methods used in the field of archaeology and explain how archaeologists use these to reconstruct past lifeways.
- Identify the natural and anthropogenic processes which create and preserve the prehistoric material record (i.e., fossils, artifacts, and sites) and critically evaluate their impacts on our interpretations.
- Work as a team to apply the methods of archaeologists, explore important course concepts, and communicate results.
- Identify key issues and debates within the study of prehistory (including the origins of anatomically modern humans, the transition from foraging to agricultural lifeways, and the development of state societies aka “civilizations”) and evaluate the strength of competing hypotheses derived from the archaeological record.
- Identify the various cultural adaptations used by prehistoric cultures in different environmental contexts across the globe.

- Identify and describe the complexity and diversity of prehistoric human cultural adaptations by exploring selected examples in depth.
- Analyze the importance of cultural heritage and explore how contemporary and historical viewpoints have impacted the preservation of prehistoric archaeological materials as well as our interpretations of them.

General Education Information

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This course fulfills the above requirement for the General Education Program at Salt Lake Community College. It is designed not only to teach the information and skills required by the discipline, but also to develop vital workplace skills and to teach strategies and skills that can be used for life-long learning.

General Education courses teach basic skills as well as broaden a student's knowledge of a wide range of subjects. Education is much more than the acquisition of facts; it is being able to use information in meaningful ways in order to enrich one's life.

While the subject of each course is important and useful, we become truly educated through making connections of such varied information with the different methods of organizing human experience that are practiced by different disciplines. Therefore, this course, when combined with other General Education courses, will enable you to develop broader perspectives and deeper understandings of your community and the world, as well as challenge previously held assumptions about the world and its inhabitants.

Advising and Counseling Support Services

At our institution, we are committed to supporting your academic and personal growth. That's why we offer a range of advising and counseling services to help you navigate the challenges of college life. To learn more about the resources available to you and how to access them, visit the [Institutional Syllabus](#) page under the Advising and Counseling Support Services tab. Our advising team and the support centers across campus are here to support you in achieving your goals and overcoming any obstacles you may face.

Learning Support and Tutoring Services

We are pleased to offer a range of tutoring and learning support services to help you achieve your academic goals. Whether you need assistance with a specific subject or want to improve your study skills, you have many options for tutoring or other support.

To learn more about the services we offer and how to access them, visit the [Institutional Syllabus](#) page under the Tutoring and Learning Support tab. We encourage you to take advantage of these resources to help you succeed in your studies. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a tutoring session, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you in any way we can.

Online Tutoring

Students at SLCC have access to online tutoring through Canvas. From your Canvas course click Online Tutoring in the course navigation and follow the steps to set up an appointment. If this is your first time using the Online Tutoring we recommend you click "Take a Tour" to familiarize yourself with the service.

Note that students only receive 480 minutes of tutoring time each semester. After that we encourage you to use the resources found through this link:

<https://www.slcc.edu/tutoring/index.aspx>

If you have any additional questions reach out to elarningsupport@slcc.edu.

Institutional Policies

As members of our academic community, we would like to invite you to review the Institutional Syllabus which covers important policies and procedures. This document contains important links for students on the code of student rights and responsibilities, academic integrity, and grading policies, Title IX and other important acknowledgements. By familiarizing yourself with this information, you can help us create a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

For more information, navigate to the Institutional Policies tab on the [Institutional Syllabus](#) page.

Assignment Schedule

| Due Date | Assignment Name | Assignment Type | Points |
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| | Optional: Assignment Resubmission Opportunity | Assignment | 0 |
| | Quest Puzzle Code: Study of the Past | Quiz | 1 |
| 8/29/25 | Introduce Yourself Discussion | Discussion | 10 |
| 9/1/25 | Orientation Quiz | Quiz | 10 |
| 9/1/25 | Practice Submitting Assignments | Assignment | 5 |
| 9/8/25 | Activity: Time Team America Range Creek | Assignment | 20 |
| 9/8/25 | Quiz: Study of the Past | Quiz | 15 |