

Introduction to Archaeology

TCSU ANTH 150

A. Description

This course is an introduction to the study of concepts, theories, and methods of anthropological archaeology as well as a review of significant data and models that contribute to knowledge of the human past. The course includes a discussion of the history and interdisciplinary nature of archaeological research; dating techniques and methods of survey, excavation, and analysis; cultural resource management; and selected cultural sequences.

B. Recommended Preparation

Completion of IGETC Area 1A or CSU General Education-Breadth Area A2

C. Prerequisites

None

D. Minimum Unit Requirement

3 semester units

E. Course Topics

1. Types of archaeological data
2. Archaeological models and their relationship to data
3. History and nature of archaeological research
4. Dating techniques
5. Methods of survey
6. Excavation methods
7. Archaeological analysis
8. Cultural resources management
9. Cultural sequences

F. Student Learning Outcomes

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

1. Describe the basic concepts, methods of inquiry, and the theories of anthropological archaeology; and
2. Identify significant data and models that contribute to our knowledge of the past.

G. CAN Equivalent

CAN ANTH 6 (Equivalency ends Fall 2009)