

# ARCHAEOLOGY 3610

## Old World Prehistory

### Spring 2005

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#### Course Description:

This course will introduce students to the study of Old World Prehistory. We will begin with the earliest artefacts found, dating to c. 2.5 million years ago, and end with the transition to agriculture in the Neolithic Period, c. 10 000 years ago, thus focusing on the Palaeolithic periods and the artefacts associated with them. We will also investigate the biological evidence that scientists draw upon to interpret the various *Homo* species connected with the archaeological remains. Through lectures, films, assignments and class discussions we will cover the major sites, artefacts, periods and issues within Old World Prehistory. Students will have to opportunity to work with archaeological remains (biological and artefactual) from this period, and by the end of the course they will be able to correctly identify them.

#### Required Reading:

The text *The Human Career* (Second Edition, 1999), by Richard Klein, plus additional reserve readings will be used for this class. Class attendance is strongly suggested, as many lectures will include additional information.

#### Course Requirements and Grading:

You will be evaluated on a lab-based assignment and three exams. Late assignments will not be accepted. No make up exams will be given except in the case of serious illness as verified by a doctor's note.

#### Assignment:

The lab-based assignment is worth 20% of your final grade. It will involve the hands-on analysis of artefacts, both real and casts. You will have class time to work on this assignment, however you must be well prepared in order to complete it in the allotted time. Thus it is imperative that you attend class and keep up with the readings. This assignment is due at the **beginning** of class on the date it is due. Late assignments will not be accepted. **You may work together on this assignment but everyone must hand in their own assignment, written in their own words.**

#### Examinations:

There are four exams worth 20% each. A number of question types are used, such as multiple-choice, matching, fill in the blank, and short and long answer, to assess your knowledge of the course material.

#### Dates to Remember:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Exam:</b>	20%	January 28 - in class
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Exam:</b>	20%	February 18 - in class
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Exam:</b>	20%	March 18 - in class
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Exam:</b>	20%	April 18 - in class
<b>Assignment:</b>	20%	Due April 6 – at 11:00 am

