

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: ANTHRO 70B Title: ARCHAEOLOGY EXCAVATION  
Full Title: Archaeological Excavation: Digging and Documenting  
Last Reviewed: 11/23/2015

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	4.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	2.00	Lab Scheduled	0	6	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	3.00		Contact DHR	52.50
		Contact Total	6.00		Contact Total	105.00
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 210.00

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable  
Grading: Grade or P/NP  
Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP  
Also Listed As:  
Formerly:

**Catalog Description:**  
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**Prerequisites/Corequisites:**  
Course Completion or Current Enrollment in ANTHRO 70A ( or ANTHRO 70)

**Recommended Preparation:**

**Limits on Enrollment:**

**Schedule of Classes Information:**  
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Recommended:

Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;

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## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective: Fall 2008	Inactive: Fall 2016
<b>UC Transfer:</b>		Effective:	Inactive:

**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Not Certificate/Major Applicable

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Outcomes and Objectives:**

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

1. Use a surveyor's transit and/or compass to lay out an excavation grid on an archaeological site.
2. Draw a site map for field excavation and site survey.
3. Study and understand laws and regulations pertinent to archaeological excavation.
4. Complete documentation forms for artifacts and other remains.

### **Topics and Scope:**

1. Excavation techniques: application and improvement.
2. Recording techniques: the how and why of documentation.
3. Lithic analysis: introduction of the study of stone artifacts and debitage.
4. Faunal analysis: introduction to the study of animal remains.
5. Hypothesis building: explaining the remains.
6. Pertinent laws and regulations.
7. Types of and reasons for research designs.
8. Types of and reasons for site sampling.
9. Other kinds of site investigation.

### **Assignment:**

1. Regular reading assignments from assigned texts and supplementary material. Typical reading assignments will be 150-300 pages per semester.

2. In-class discussion of regular assignments.
3. Quizzes will cover the assigned readings. Quizzes may be either multiple choice, short answer, true/false, specimen identification, short essay or any combination of the above.
4. Midterm examinations: students will answer a combination of essay questions and quiz style questions including but not limited to, multiple choice, short answer, true/false, and or specimen identification.
5. Final examination: students will answer a combination of essay questions and quiz style questions including but not limited to, multiple choice, short answer, true/false, and or specimen identification.
6. Writing requirements may be satisfied by a descriptive and analytic paper addressing an issue raised in class or in the field (typical papers will be 5-10 pages). Writing requirements may also be satisfied by journal entries from the field portion of the class.
7. On-site observation in the field where students would be expected to demonstrate the application of both field techniques and the reasoning behind them.
8. In-class quizzes on specimen identification and lithic and faunal analysis.

### Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Written homework, lab reports, term papers

Writing  
10 - 20%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Field work and lab reports

Problem solving  
20 - 40%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Field work and performance exams

Skill Demonstrations  
20 - 40%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quizzes and exams

Exams  
10 - 20%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

None

Other Category  
0 - 0%

### Representative Textbooks and Materials:

The Archaeologists' Toolkit. Zimmerman, Larry and Green, William, Eds. Alta Mira Press: 2003

Archaeology: Basic Field Methods. Stewart, Michael R. Kendall Hunt Publishers: 2002.

