

ANTH 2930 T01 - Archaeology of a Selected Area: Maya Prehistory

Summer evening 2010 (May 4 - June 17)

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Lectures: Tuesday and Thursday 7 - 9:30 PM Room 401 Tier

Course Description: This course will examine the Maya Culture from its earliest presence until the Spanish Conquest. Among the topics to be examined will be Maya origins and their relationship with the “Olmec”, agriculture, religion, calendrics, architecture, social organization, trade and exchange, relationships with other cultures, and the collapse. The material will cover up to and briefly include the Spanish Conquest. Visual aid will supplement the lectures.

Text Book:

Coe, Michael
2005 (7th edition)

The Maya. New York
Thames and Hudson.

Optional Reading

Coe, Michael and Rex Koontz
2008, (6th edition)

Mexico: From the Olmecs to the Aztecs. New York
Thames and Hudson.

Term Work:

Term Paper or Maps = 50%

Mid-term = 25%

Final Take-Home Test = 25% (No Final Scheduled)

Mid-Term and Final Tests: These will consist of written essays. Student will be given choice and be expected to write on at least two questions per test.

Term Paper: For those choosing the term paper it will represent 50% of the final grade. A list of topics will be posted and you will be expected to select one of the topics and put your name beside it. Do this as soon as possible, with one person per topic. If there is some other topic that you are especially interested in see me about it. The paper should be about 10 to 12 double-spaced typed pages in length. Hand-written papers are acceptable, but must be neatly done.

Anthropological footnoting is expected. See either American Antiquity or American Anthropologist for examples (ie.:Author, year, page number). Term Papers will be due on June 8th. Late papers will be penalized 10% each day late.

Map Projects: Instead of doing a term paper one can select to do a Map identification project. This will consist of identifying and properly labeling 5 maps based upon the geography and various cultures discussed in the lectures. The exercise will consist of locating such things as sites, cities, and physical features on each map, noting as well the orientation of the map and placing distances to scale. A list of sites, etc. to be placed on the maps, will be handed out with each map. Neatness will be included as a part of the grade. Due dates are included. Each map will be worth 10% totaling 50% of the final grade. Late Maps will have 3 points deducted each day they are late.

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| Maps 1 | - due May 11 th | (Physiography and Early Sites), |
| 2 | - due May 18 th | (Olmec Heartland and Colonies) |
| 3 | - due May 25 th | (Mexican Highlands and Lowlands) |
| 4 | - due June 1 st | (PreClassic/Classic Maya) |
| 5 | - due June 8 th | (Mesoamerica Late Classic/Postclassic) |

Grading will be based upon the following scale:

A+ = 92 - 100	C+ = 65 - 69
A = 85 - 91	C = 60 - 64
B+ = 76 - 84	D = 50 - 59
B = 70 - 75	F = 0 - 49

All grades are subject to departmental review.

Any test not taken will be assigned an automatic zero toward your final grade. Acceptable reasons for missing an exam include illness, death in the immediate family and religious and official University obligations. Absence must be accompanied by written documentation from a knowledgeable independent party (physician, clergyman, university official, etc.). Any incomplete must be applied for before the last day of classes. Tests handed in late will have 5 points taken off each day they are late.

Important Dates:	May 24	Holiday
	May 25	Midterm test
	May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8	Map Projects Due
	May 27	Term Paper due
	June 17	Final Exam Paper due in class.

Last Day for Voluntary Withdrawal is	June 8.
Last day for payment without late fee is	May 4th.
Full Refund until	May 7,

Can withdraw with no refund from May 8 to June 8.

Students will know the results of their mid-term, 4 of 5 maps and term paper by the voluntary withdrawal date provided they are handed in on time, which means at least 65% of your grade. Values of each are listed above.

Unreturned term work will be kept for four months and thereafter become the property of the Faculty of Arts and subject to confidential destruction.

Plagiarism

General Academic Regulations and Requirements Section 7: Academic Integrity 7.1 Plagiarism and Cheating

Plagiarism or any other form of cheating in examinations, term tests or academic work is subject to serious academic penalty (e.g. suspension or expulsion from the faculty or university). Cheating in examinations or tests may take the form of copying from another student or bringing unauthorized materials into the exam room (e.g., crib notes, pagers or cell phones). Exam cheating can also include exam impersonation. (Please see Section 4.2.8 on Exam Personation). A student found guilty of contributing to cheating in examinations or term assignments is also subject to serious academic penalty.

To plagiarize is to take ideas or words of another person and pass them off as one's own. In short, it is stealing something intangible rather than an object. Plagiarism applies to any written work, in traditional or electronic format, as well as orally or verbally presented work. Obviously it is not necessary to state the source of well known or easily verifiable facts, but students are expected to appropriately acknowledge the sources of ideas and expressions they use in their written work, whether quoted directly or paraphrased. This applies to diagrams, statistical tables and the like, as well as to written material, and materials or information from Internet sources.

To provide adequate and correct documentation is not only an indication of academic honesty but is also a courtesy which enables the reader to consult these sources with ease. Failure to provide appropriate citations constitutes plagiarism. It will also be considered plagiarism and/or cheating if a student submits a term paper written in whole or in part by someone other than him/herself, or copies the answer or answers of another student in any test, examination, or take-home assignment.

Working with other students on assignments, laboratory work, take-home tests, or on-line tests, when this is not permitted by the instructor, can constitute Inappropriate Collaboration and may be subject to penalty under the Student Discipline By-Law.

An assignment which is prepared and submitted for one course should not be used for a different course. This is called "duplicate submission" and represents a form of cheating because course requirements are expected to be fulfilled through original work for each course.

Section 4: Academic Evaluation (taken from University of Manitoba Undergraduate Calendar.

4.2 Examinations

4.2.8 Examinations: Personations A student who arranges for another individual to undertake or write any

nature of examination for and on his/her behalf, as well as the individual who undertakes or writes the examination, will be subject to discipline under the university's [Student Discipline Bylaw](#), which could lead to suspension or expulsion from the university. In addition, the Canadian Criminal Code treats the personation of a candidate at a competitive or qualifying examination held at a university as an offence punishable by summary conviction. Section 362 of the code provides:

Personation at Examination

362. Every one who falsely, with intent to gain advantage for him/herself or some other person, personates a candidate at a competitive or qualifying examination held under the authority of law or in connection with a university, college or school or who knowingly avails him/herself of the results of such personation is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction. 1953- 54,c.51, s.347.

Both the personator and the individual who avails him/herself of the personation could be found guilty. Summary conviction could result in a fine being levied or up to two years of imprisonment.

Dean's Office Statement on Penalties

The common penalty in Arts for plagiarism in a written assignment, test, or examination is F on the paper and F for the course. For the most serious acts of plagiarism, such as the purchase of an essay or cheating on a test or examination, the penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five years from registration in courses taught in a particular department in Arts or from all courses taught in this faculty. The Faculty also reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of plagiarism to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism.

Students who wish to acquaint themselves more on the University's policy on plagiarism, cheating and examination impersonation see <http://webapps.cc.umanitoba.ca/calendar04/regulations/plagiarism.asp>

Tentative Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Related Readings</u>
May 4	- Introduction to Mesoamerica, Geography, Climate, Resources, Various Cultures, Cultural Periods,	Chap. 1
6	- "Olmec" - Origins, Heartland	
11	- "Olmec" Colonization, Olmecoid,	Map 1
13	- Izapa, Maya origins - Archaic, Preclassic	Chap. 2
18	- Preclassic - early sites	Map 2 Chap. 2, 3
20	- Classic Period - Early - Highlands, Peten, Northern Lowlands - settlement patterns, agriculture, Teotihuacan - Middle Classic (AD 400 - 700)	Chap. 4
25	- Classic Period - Hiatus, continued Religion, Calendrics, Social Structure <i>(Midterm due)</i>	Map 3 Chap. 4, 8, 9
27	- Classic Period - Late - sites, Architecture, Art, <i>Term paper Due</i>	Chap. 5, 8, 9
June 1	- Classic Period - Late - ditto	Map 4
3	- Classic Period - Late - ditto	
8	- Epi-Classic, Mexican Highlands and Collapse (VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL DATE)	Map 5 Chap. 6
10	- Postclassic - Chichen-Itza, Uxmal, Mayapan	Chap. 7
15	- Toltec /Chichen-itza problem	
17	- Spanish Conquest and Aftermath <i>(Final Exam due)</i>	Chap. 10