

# ANTH& 204 : Introduction to Archaeology

**Credits** 5

**Quarter Offered** Spring

This course introduces students to the key concepts and methods utilized by archaeologists in the excavation, analysis, and interpretation of a variety of material evidence left by ancient societies and cultures. Students will engage in a series of practical exercises (labs) to gain hands-on experience with a variety of artifacts and techniques commonly utilized within the discipline. This class may include students from multiple sections.  
(Elective)

**Prerequisites**

[ENGL& 101](#) or concurrent enrollment

**Course Outcomes**

1. Characterize and explain the main goals, principles, theories, and scientific methods utilized in archaeology.
2. Describe the importance of archaeology in the understanding of ancient and modern societies.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the ethical and legal issues surrounding archaeological excavations.
4. Describe and evaluate the strengths, weaknesses, and practical limitations of the various excavation techniques (invasive and non-invasive) commonly utilized within the field of archaeology.
5. Illustrate understanding of the intersection of history and anthropology as each relates to the study of archaeology.
6. Explain the importance of laws governing the protection, collection, and preservation of historic and cultural artifacts.