

Ant 174: European Prehistory

Spring 2017

Lecture: Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:10 - 4:30 PM Young Hall 184
Sections: Tuesdays 5:10 - 6:00 PM or 6:10 - 7:00 PM Hart Hall 1120

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Course Description

This course provides an introduction to and survey of the prehistory of Europe. We will begin with its earliest human inhabitants and move to the Neandertals and their replacement by incoming modern humans. Next we will explore Last Glacial Maximum adaptations and the changes that occurred with subsequent warming. Finally, we will consider the earliest agricultural and complex societies. Focus is on the analysis and interpretations of the archaeological record and understanding the multiple human dispersals into Europe.

Fulfills these GE requirements

Social Sciences; World Cultures; Writing Experience

Course Materials

Course readings will be taken entirely from the primary literature; there is no textbook. Articles will be assigned each week for discussion. They will be announced in class and available on the course website on Canvas.

Exams will consist of defining key terms, relevant sites, and people; short answer, short essay, and map locations.

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| Map Quiz: | 10% | April 11 - Tuesday, in section |
| Mid-term exam: | 25% | May 4 - Thursday, in class |
| Final exam: | 25% | Thursday, June 15 at 6:00 pm |
| Final paper (graded in pieces) | 40% total | June 6 - Tuesday, in section |

- Exams will not be rescheduled without a valid and verifiable excuse, except in unforeseeable circumstances. You must discuss a makeup with the professor PRIOR to the scheduled date.
- Do e-mail me if you have an **emergency** and will be unable to take an exam.
- Late assignments lose 20% per school day. After 1 week (5 days) you receive a 0.
- If you believe an exam or assignment has been misgraded, you have 5 school (i.e., weekdays) days to turn it in. The entire work will be regraded. Your grade could go up or down.

You are expected to abide by the Code of Academic Conduct. This set of policies forbids cheating, copying from another's exam or assignment, and other forms of academic dishonesty. Instances of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs: <http://sja.ucdavis.edu/cac.html>

E-mail etiquette. E-mail does not replace personal contact. Discussion of grades, personal matters, or sensitive issues should be done privately. Keep e-mails short. If you have several lengthy questions it is better to utilize office hours. Do e-mail if you have an emergency. Treat e-

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mails like a formal letter and use appropriate openings, closings, and grammar (if you start your email with “Hey” I will send it back to you!). Assume the messages you send and receive are permanent and public. We will respond to emails of general interest (e.g. questions about quizzes) to the entire class list.

Students with documented disabilities are entitled to in-class accommodations. However, it is the student’s responsibility to see that the Student Disability Center (SDC) provides the instructor with a letter recommending academic accommodations. **Students are responsible for contacting the instructor early in the quarter to ensure appropriate arrangements are made for requested accommodations.** Exam accommodation logistics should be clearly agreed upon and confirmed by email between the student and instructor **at least one week prior to the date of the test.**

| Week | Dates | Topic |
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| 1 | April 4 & 6 Section: April 4 | Introduction, research history, geography, environments and climates Section: Introduction |
| 2 | April 11 & 13 Section: April 11 | First human inhabitants Section: Map Quiz |
| 3 | April 18 & 20 Section: April 18 | The Neandertals & their demise |
| 4 | April 25 & 27 Section: April 25 | Earliest Upper Paleolithic inhabitants |
| 5 | May 2 Section: May 2 May 4 | Last Glacial Maximum adaptations Section: Mid-term review Mid-term |
| 6 | May 9 & 11 Section: May 9 | The Magdalenian: reindeer hunters? |
| 7 | May 16 & 18 Section: May 16 | Mesolithic diversification |
| 8 | May 23 & 25 Section: May 23 | First agriculturalists |
| 9 | May 30 & June 1 Section: May 30 | The Neolithic expansion |
| 10 | June 6 & 8 Section: June 6 | Megaliths & Metallurgy Section: Submit & discuss final paper |
| Final | Thurs, Jun 15 6:00-8:00 pm | Final exam Review to be scheduled - Tuesday 13 June? |