

**INTERDISCIPLINARY ARCHAEOLOGY
MAJOR/CONCENTRATION**

PROVISIONAL COURSE LIST (FALL 2021)

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**Fall 2021 Anthropology UN1007
THE ORIGINS OF HUMAN SOCIETY**

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THE ORIGINS OF HUMAN SOCIETY

Call Number: 00541 **Points:** 3 [View in Vergil](#)

Day/Time: TR 1:10pm-2:25pm **Location:** To be announced

Enrollment: 0 students as of March 26, 2021

Notes: **Will Require TAs and TA Section Slots(4)**

Instructor: Camilla Sturm

Description: An archaeological perspective on the evolution of human social life from the first bipedal step of our ape ancestors to the establishment of large sedentary villages. While traversing six million years and six continents, our explorations will lead us to consider such major issues as the development of human sexuality, the origin of language, the birth of “art” and religion, the domestication of plants and animals, and the foundations of social inequality. Designed for anyone who happens to be human.

**Fall 2021 Anthropology UN1008
THE RISE OF CIVILIZATION**

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Call Number: 11168 **Points:** 3 [View in Vergil](#)

Day/Time: TR 11:40am-12:55pm **Location:** To be announced

Enrollment: 0 students (120 max) as of March 26, 2021

Instructor: Terence N D'Altroy

Description: Corequisites: ANTH V1008 The rise of major civilization in prehistory and protohistory throughout the world, from the initial appearance of sedentism, agriculture, and social stratification through the emergence of the archaic empires. Description and analysis of a range of regions that were centers of significant cultural development: Mesopotamia, Egypt, the Indus River Valley, China, North America, and Mesoamerica. DO NOT REGISTER FOR A RECITATION SECTION IF YOU ARE NOT OFFICIALLY REGISTERED FOR THE COURSE.

Fall 2021 Anthropology UN3151
LIVING WITH ANIMALS: ANTHROPOLOGICAL PER

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LIVING WITH ANIMALS: ANTH

Call Number: 10120 **Points:** 4 [View in Vergil](#)

Day/Time: MW 10:10am-11:25am **Location:** To be announced

Enrollment: 0 students (18 max) as of March 26, 2021

Notes: Priority given to ANTH Majors

Instructor: Hannah Chazin

Description: This course examines how humans and animals shape each other's lives, using the tools and perspectives of anthropology. We'll explore the astounding diversity of human-animal relationships in time and space, tracing the ways animals have made their impact on human societies (and vice-versa). Using contemporary ethnographic, historical, and archaeological examples from a variety of geographical regions and chronological periods, this class will consider how humans and animals live and work together, and the ways in which humans have found animals "good to think with". In this course, we will also discuss how knowledge about human-animal relationships in the past might change contemporary and future approaches to living with animals. Through the reading and thinking that this course requires, you will explore what an anthropological perspective on living with animals looks like and how thinking about animals might change anthropology.

Fall 2021 Anthropology UN3663
The Ancient Table: Archaeology of Cookin

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Call Number: 00539 **Points:** 4 [View in Vergil](#)

Day/Time: W 2:10pm-4:00pm **Location:** To be announced

Enrollment: 0 students (16 max) as of March 26, 2021

Notes: Open to Anthropology Majors, Non-Majors Need Permission

Instructor: Camilla Sturm

Description: Humans don't just eat to live. The ways we prepare, eat, and share our food is a complex reflection of our histories, environments, and ideologies. Whether we prefer coffee or tea, cornbread or challah, chicken breast or chicken feet, our tastes are expressive of social ties and social boundaries, and are linked to ideas of family and of foreignness. How did eating become such a profoundly cultural experience? This seminar takes an archaeological approach to two broad issues central to eating: First, what drives human food choices both today and in the past? Second, how have social forces shaped practices of food acquisition, preparation, and consumption (and how, in turn, has food shaped society)? We will explore these questions from various evolutionary, physiological, and cultural viewpoints, highlighted by information from the best archaeological and historic case studies. Topics that will be covered include the nature of the first cooking, beer-brewing and feasting, writing of the early recipes, gender roles and 'domestic' life, and how a national cuisine takes shape. Through the course of the semester we will explore

food practices from Pleistocene Spain to historic Monticello, with particular emphasis on the earliest cuisines of China, Mesoamerica, and the Mediterranean.

ANTH GU 4066 *Hydropolitics: GIS approaches to urbanism and the politics of water in Madagascar.*

Zoë Crossland, Dept of Anthropology & Eric Glass, Lehman Library
Thursdays 1-4pm, 4pts. INSTRUCTOR PERMISSION

GIS course with training in landscape analysis, digital mapping and web-based presentations of geospatial data. We will draw on archaeological and historical evidence, aerial photographs and satellite imagery to map and explore the history and politics of the irrigated landscape around Madagascar's capital city. We will critically assess what different mapping techniques offer, and what kind of narratives they underpin or foreclose upon

**Fall 2021 Anthropology UN3723
AMERICAN MATERIAL CULTURE**

Section 001	Call Number: 00538 Points: 4 View in Vergil Day/Time: TR 2:40pm-3:55pm Location: To be announced Enrollment: 0 students (15 max) as of March 26, 2021 Notes: Preference given to Anthropology and American Studies Major Instructor: Severin Fowles
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**Fall 2021 History BC3864
Feast/Famine: Food Environment**

Section 001	<i>FEAST/FAMINE CHINA</i> Call Number: 00052 Points: 4 View in Vergil Day/Time: R 12:10pm-2:00pm Location: To be announced Enrollment: 0 students (12 max) as of March 31, 2021 Notes: Instructor Permission Required. Enrollment Limited. Instructor: Dorothy Ko
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Description: Food has always been a central concern in Chinese politics, religion, medicine, and culture. This course takes an ecological approach to the provision, preparation, and consumption of food in Chinese history, from the Neolithic times to the post-socialist era today. In examining Chinese approaches to soil fertility, healthy diet, and culinary pleasures, we explore alternative food systems for a more sustainable future.

Fall 2021 Middle East UN3003
BABYLON-BAGHDAD: AN URBAN HISTORY

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BABYLON-BAGHDAD: AN URBAN

Call Number: 00378 **Points:** 4 [View in Vergil](#)

Day/Time: W 3:30pm-5:20pm **Location:** To be announced

Enrollment: 0 students (20 max) as of April 2, 2021

Instructor: Nathanael P Shelley

Description: This seminar investigates the metropolitan site of Babylon-Baghdad as the focal center and built environment at the center of 4000 years of social history. Through a consideration of the historical and archaeological sources available, the course proceeds chronologically and surveys the urban history of the site from its ancient origins, c. 2000 BCE, all the way to the present day. The survey explores how the communities residing in the city shaped, and were shaped by, the city.

Students in this course will gain a familiarity with the major periods of Middle Eastern History — Ancient, Islamic, and Modern — and a detailed awareness of the metropolitan region of Babylon-Baghdad. In addition to the historical survey and engagement with primary sources and theoretical works, students will develop a research paper on a specialized topic of interest associated with the city. This investigation requires a synthesis of the ideas discussed in class, and presents an opportunity to investigate a specific feature or characteristic of the city in detail.

All assigned readings for the course will be in English. Primary sources will be provided in translation. The course assumes that you have taken at least one introductory course on either the Ancient Near East or the Islamic Middle East to use as a foundation for further development. Students without a background in the Middle East may take the course if they are willing to do a little preparatory reading. The course meets once a week and sessions are two hours long.

Fall 2021 Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology UN1010
HUMAN ORIGINS & EVOLUTION

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Call Number: 12593 **Points:** 3 [View in Vergil](#)

Day/Time: MW 11:40am-12:55pm **Location:** To be announced

Enrollment: 0 students (86 max) as of April 2, 2021

Instructor: Jill S Shapiro

Description: This is an introductory course in human evolution. Building on a foundation of evolutionary theory, students explore primate behavioral morphology and then trace the last 65 million years of primate evolution from the earliest Paleocene forms to the fossil remains of

earliest humans and human relatives. Along with Behavioral Biology of the Living Primates this serves as a core required class for the EBHS program.

Fall 2021 Classical Studies UN3041
The Ancient City and Us: Archa

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Ancient City and Us: Arch

Call Number: 13707 **Points:** 4 [View in Vergil](#)

Day/Time: R 6:10pm-8:00pm **Location:** To be announced

Enrollment: 1 student (15 max) as of April 8, 2021

Notes: The Ancient City and Us: Archaeology of a Relationship

Instructor: Francesco Cassini

Description: The object of this course is Greek and Roman cities in their historical and trans-historical dimensions. In studying their social, economic, and political features, we will discuss models and approaches to this historical form of the city and compare it with other pre-modern and modern examples in world history. The course, open to undergraduate students of different departments and various backgrounds, will ultimately serve as an exercise in historical estrangement to look with fresh and informed eyes at the cities of today.

Fall 2021 Architecture A6740
HIST PRESV THEORY & PRACTICE

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Call Number: 11847 **Points:** 3 [View in Vergil](#)

Day/Time: M 11:00am-1:00pm **Location:** To be announced

Enrollment: 0 students as of April 8, 2021

Notes: HP I REQUIRED

Instructor: Jorge Otero-Pailos

** Professor Otero-Pailos has indicated that this course would admit motivated archaeology undergraduates**

GIS COURSES

** N.B. GIS courses that aren't explicitly archaeological will generally qualify as 'related' courses. Students wishing to count a GIS course fully towards the major should plan on doing an archaeological final project, developed in consultation with an archaeology faculty member.**

Fall 2021 Anthropology GU4066
Hydropolitics in Madagascar

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Hydropolitics: GIS approa

Call Number: 13513 **Points:** 4 [View in Vergil](#)

Day/Time: T 4:10pm-6:00pm **Location:** To be announced

Enrollment: 4 students (15 max) as of April 8, 2021

Notes: Instructor approval required. Majors Preferred.

Instructors: Zoe Crossland and Eric C Glass

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