

ANT 362K - The Archaeology of Texas and Vicinity

Course Unique # 31385

Lecture: MWF 11:00 -12:00 am - SAC 4.174

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Course Description: This course surveys Texas prehistoric and early historic archaeology. The course presents the prehistoric cultural developments in this area from a regional perspective and uses archaeological sites innovative research efforts. There will be a reader and web-based assigned readings but no textbook. Grades will be based on two exams and two web-based summaries of specific archaeological sites in the region.

Course Objectives: At the end of this course, students will have:

- A detailed knowledge of the regional prehistory and late prehistoric archaeology of Texas.
- A comprehensive understanding of the interactions between humans and the environment in Texas
- A basic understanding of the controversies related to Texas archaeology in terms of
- Knowledge of the methods and techniques of classification and description of artifacts scientific techniques and theories archaeologists use to make sense of the human past;

Textbook (required):

Pertulla, T. K. *The Prehistory of Texas* (2013) (paperback). Texas A&M University Anthropology Series.

Turner, S. E. Hester, T. (2011) *A field guide to stone artifacts of Texas Indians*. Taylor Trade Publishing, Maryland.

Course pre-requisites: There are no pre-requisites for this course but Ant. 304 - Introduction to Archaeological Studies is highly recommended.

Course Evaluation and Grading:

Tests: Two tests, @ 20 pts each = 40 points

Labs: 3 lab sessions at TARL and corresponding lab assignments @ 10 points each = 30 points

Attendance and in-class unannounced quizzes on the readings: 30 points

Grading Policy Note: Attendance to the class and the lab sessions is required and will be confirmed by sign-up sheets. I do not use the plus/minus grading system for final grades.

Grading scale: A 100-90

B 89-80

C	79-70
D	69-60
F	59 and below

Important Class information:

- Reading assignments have to be completed before class.
- **Exams** will include a mixture of short answers, true-false, identifications and mini-essays. Fact sheets provided before the exam will include possible topics for the mini-essays.
- There are no make-up tests, except when the absence is unavoidable in which case the student is expected to contact me, and I will require proof of the problem.
- **Laboratory projects:** Laboratory sessions will include sorting, identifying, describing and classifying archaeological artifacts from TARL collections.
- Lab assignments will be due the following week at the beginning of class. Lab assignments delivered late will suffer an automatic penalty of 50% of the lab grade. Students must type their lab assignments. Lab assignments sent by email will not be accepted, unless the student has obtained prior consent.
- Students have to attend the lab sessions for which they sign-up. Attendance to another lab session will only be permitted in an emergency, which will have to be justified with a medical or scholarly note. Prior to attendance the student must obtain the approval of the instructor.
- Exam or final grades will be provided only in person; no grades will be provided by email.
- Your cell phones and other electronic devices must be turned off while in the classroom.
- According to University Rules tape-recording of lectures is not permitted, unless the instructor has granted permission.

Required University Notices and Policies

Use of E-Mail for Official Correspondence to Students

- E-mail is recognized as an official mode of university correspondence; therefore, you are responsible for reading your e-mail for university and course-related information and announcements. You are responsible to keep the university informed about changes to your e-mail address. You should check your e-mail regularly and frequently—I recommend daily, but at minimum twice a week—to stay current with university-related communications, some of which may be time-critical. You can find UT Austin’s policies and instructions for updating your e-mail address at <http://www.utexas.edu/its/help/utmail/1564>
- You can contact the Teaching Assistant or me by email, by coming to the office hours, or by appointment. Email messages received after 10:00 pm will not be answered until the following day. When contacting your instructor or the Teaching Assistant by email you are expected to address them by title or name and include your name at the end of the message.

Use of Blackboard in Class

- In this class I use Blackboard—a Web-based course management system with password-protected access at <http://courses.utexas.edu>. Power Point presentations will be uploaded to Blackboard after the class. You can find support in using Blackboard at the ITS Help Desk at 475-9400, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Emergency Evacuation Policy

- Occupants of buildings on the UT Austin campus are required to evacuate and assemble outside when a fire alarm is activated or an announcement is made. Please be aware of the following policies regarding

evacuation: Familiarize yourself with all exit doors of the classroom and the building. Remember that the nearest exit door may not be the one you used when you entered the building.

- If you require assistance to evacuate, inform me in writing during the first week of class. In the event of an evacuation, follow my instructions or those of class instructors. Do not re-enter a building unless you're given instructions by the Austin Fire Department, the UT Austin Police Department, or the Fire Prevention Services office.

Notice regarding academic dishonesty

- **University of Texas Honor Code:** The core values of The University of Texas at Austin are learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity, and responsibility. Each member of the university is expected to uphold these values through integrity, honesty, trust, fairness, and respect toward peers and community. Web site for more information:

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/services/instruction/learningmodules/plagiarism>

Religious Holy Days

- By UT Austin policy, you must notify me of your pending absence at least fourteen days prior to the date of observance of a religious holy day. If you must miss a class, an examination, a work assignment, or a project in order to observe a religious holy day, I will give you an opportunity to complete the missed work within a reasonable time after the absence.

Behavior Concerns Advice Line (BCAL)

- If you are worried about someone who is acting differently, you may use the Behavior Concerns Advice Line to discuss by phone your concerns about another individual's behavior. This service is provided through a partnership among the Office of the Dean of Students, the Counseling and Mental Health Center (CMHC), the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), and The University of Texas Police Department (UTPD). Call 512-232-5050 or visit <http://www.utexas.edu/safety/bcal>

Students with Disabilities

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Week/dates	Topics	Readings/Assignments
01/14-01/18	Introduction	Pertulla, Chapter 1
01/23-01/25	Paleoindian archaeology	Pertulla, Chapter 2
01/28-02/3	Paleoenvironment and Bioarchaeology	Texas Beyond History
02/4-02/8	East Texas Archaic and Woodland	Pertulla, Chapter 13

02/11-02-15	East Texas Caddo	Pertulla, Chapter 13
02/18-02/22	Texas Gulf Coast	Pertulla, 5 and 6
02/29-03/1	South Texas Coast	Pertulla, 5 and 6; EXAM 1 – 03/01
03/4-03/8	Central Texas Archaic	Pertulla, Chapter 3
03/11-03/16	SPRING BREAK	
03/18-03-22	Central Texas Prehistoric	Pertulla, Chapter 3
03/25-03/29	Southern Plains	Pertulla, Chapter 9-11
04/1-04/5	Southern Plains	Pertulla, Chapter 9-11
04/8-04/12	North Central Texas and South Texas	Pertulla, Chapter 4
04/15-04/19	Western Texas	Pertulla, Chapter 7
04/22/04/26	Western Texas, Lower Pecos	Chapter 7 and 8 - EXAM 2 - 04/26
04/29-05/03	Historical archaeology	Website readings 05/03 Last day of class