

Introduction to Archaeology

1. Honors course requirements:

The student will participate in the actual collection of bioarcheological data on a collection of human skeletal specimens for various archeological sites. She will participate in lab group meetings every other week and conduct readings to learn about the process of scientific data collection and various methods used in archaeology.

2. Description of alternative assignments:

She will work with graduate students in the lab team to write detailed procedures and protocols for each research method before actually using that method on the collection. She will present a portfolio of procedures/protocols and associated bioarchaeological data for at least 3 methods at the end of the semester, accompanied by a 12-minute oral presentation. She will work closely with members of the graduate research group to ensure that her efforts support existing projects.

The final portfolio and presentation will be due April 30. The majority of project advising will come from graduate students in the research team, but the student will be required to submit a progress update to the professor in the final week of each month. The student is also responsible for contacting the professor with any questions or concerns between scheduled progress reports.

3. Final grade calculation:

The project will be worth 50 points, bringing the total points from 600 (regular) to 650.

