

Minnesota State University Moorhead

ANTH 216: The Paleolithic Age

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: *.*

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

An examination of Paleolithic archaeology, reviewing the major cultural achievements of the Old Stone Age, and outlining the basic techniques of archaeological science. MnTC Goal 5.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 04/10/2000 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Oldowan, Eastern chopper, core and flake industries, Acheulean, western flake industries, MSA and Mousterian, LSA and Upper Paleolithic
2. Geological and radiometric dating
3. Interpretation of artifacts
4. Archaeological taphonomy
5. Social and cultural developments including nuclear family origins, language, fire, architecture, calendrics, art.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Learn the major divisions of the Paleolithic period and why they are defined.
2. Understand the methods used to date hunter gatherer archaeological sites
3. Recognize the importance of archeological remains for making inferences about ancient human behavior.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
3. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted