

School of Arts & Science SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

ARCH 190-001 Archaeological Field Assistant Spring 2011

COURSE OUTLINE

The	Approved Course Description is available on the web @
Ω	Please note: this outline will be electronically stored for five (5) years only. It is strongly recommended students keep this outline for your records.

1. Instructor Information

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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

- 1. List the laws that protect archaeological sites in British Columbia.
- 2. Follow professional and ethical protocols.
- 3. Employ basic archaeological resource field inventory skills.
- 4. Identify archaeological sites and Culturally Modified Trees (CMT) and record their locations.
- 5. Complete the Archaeological Site Inventory Form and the CMT Site Recording Form as required by the BC Heritage Conservation Act.
- 6. Read and generate maps at various scales.
- 7. Walk a compass transect.
- 8. Use GPS to record site locations.
- 9. Take digital photographs.
- 10. Practice safety in the field.

(a) Readings

The following materials are free for individuals to download from the internet for personal use. Please print these off and read and consult throughout the course. The highlighted readings below are more for reference, so do not print these unless you have a specific interest. They are available at these web addresses, and linked off my website. Note: There may be a few additional readings that are assigned throughout the course.

Duitigh Columbia Angharalagiasi	http://www.tsa.gov.bc.ca/archaeology/docs/resource_management_hand
British Columbia Archaeological	
Resource Management Handbook	book/index.htm
British Columbia Site Inventory	http://www.tsa.gov.bc.ca/archaeology/docs/inventory_site/archaeologic
Form Guide	al_inventory_site_guide.pdf
Ministry of Small Business, Tourism	http://www.tsa.gov.bc.ca/archaeology/docs/inventory_guidelines.pdf
and Culture	
2000 Archaeological Inventory	
Guidelines. Prepared by the	
Archaeology Branch for the	
Culture Task Force Resources	
Inventory Committee	
Ministry of Small Business,	http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfd/pubs/docs/mr/Mr091/cmthandbook.pdf
Tourism, and Culture	This is a great resource, with more information than you will need in
2001 Culturally Modified Trees of British	this program. Please read the following:
Columbia; A Handbook for the	• introduction
Identification and Recording of	skim the Coast BC section, paying attention to the shaded
Culturally Modified Trees.	boxes, ID key for coastal CMTs, and summary of toolmarks
Published by the Resource	skim Interior BC section
Inventory Committee	 skim recording section, paying attention to the Level 1 and
	Level 2 site form recording guidelines
Heritage Conservation Act	http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/H/96187_01.htm
Tierrage Conservation rice	Please read all of this; it will be demystified in class!
Archaeological Impact Assessment	http://www.tsa.gov.bc.ca/archaeology/docs/impact_assessment_guidelin
	es/index.htm
Process	Please read sections 2.0 and 3.0 and Appendix C
BC Tree Identification book	http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfd/library/documents/treebook/treebook.pdf
	There are various resources linked off my website
Safety in the Field materials	
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(b) Other

Each student will be required to purchase a course pack of photocopies and an equipment kit from the bookstore.

4. Course Content and Schedule

Day	Content Covered	Readings
Thursday	Program introduction	Heritage Conservation
April 28	CRM in BC	Act; British Columbia
		Archaeological Resource
		Management Handbook;
		Mackie's blog
Saturday,	 introduction to field documentation 	Archaeological Inventory
April 30	 Survey of the prehistory of BC 	Guidelines;
		Archaeological Impact
		Assessment Process
Sunday,	HCA quiz	
May 1	 applied survey methods lab 	
	 orienteering exercises to practice map, compass 	
	and GPS skills	
Thursday	Discussion of features and site types and what	
May 5	they look like in the field	
	Basic artifact recognition lab	
	Sediments lab (time permitting)	~
Saturday,	Fieldtrip weekend	Culturally Modified
May 7	7:30 am meet at the college, help pack van, travel to	Trees of British
	Swartz Bay	Columbia.; A Handbook
	9:35 am ferry to Galiano Island (arrives 11:30am)	for the Identification and
	• Discussion of site forms during ferry crossing	Recording of Culturally Modified Trees
	Afternoon activity:	Wiodiffed Trees
	site tour of sites around Montague Harbour. **The Conference of the Conference	
	What are CMTs and how do we record them?	
	Sediments lab	
G 1	Human vs. non human lab	British Columbia Site
Sunday,	8:00-9:00 am breakfast, breaking camp	
May 8	9:00 am relocate to Dionisio Point, hike to village	Inventory Form Guide; Grier 1999
	site Site form and field note assignment in 4 person	Glief 1999
	groups (to be completed on the ferry)	
	4:40 pm ferry back to Swartz Bay (arrives 6:10 pm),	
	arrival back at Camosun ~7:00pm.	
Thursday	Discussion of safety in the field	Safety in the Field materials
May 12	 Applied project orientation, discussion of scope 	
	of work, methodology	
	Discussion of ethics and respect in archaeology	
	with guests depending on availability of	
	guests, this may happen on Saturday morning in	
	the field before starting fieldwork	
Saturday,	8:00 am meet at the project site	
May 14	Objectives of the day:	
	 Review the scope of the project 	
	 Organize in work teams 	
	Complete survey	
	4:00 pm arrive back at Camosun College	
Sunday,	8:00 am meet at the project site	
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May 15	Objectives of the day: • work teams continue surveying and recording 4:00 pm arrive back at Camosun College
Saturday,	8:00 am meet at the project site
May 28	Objectives of the day:
	Review the scope of the project
	Organize in work teams
	Complete survey
	4:00 pm arrive back at Camosun College
Sunday,	8:00 am meet at the project site
May 29	Objectives of the day:
	Complete the documentation of site
	Clean up site, remove flags, etc
	12:00 pm arrive back at Camosun College

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

This program is evaluated on a pass/fail basis. Evaluation is based on the following elements, which will be tested on multiple occasions over the course of the program:

- Attendance and participation: you must attend every day of the program, and miss no more than 2 hours over the entire period to successfully complete
- Map reading skills: 90% correct by end of program
- Identifying arch sites and features: 80% correct
- Successful completion of Arch Branch site forms and CMT forms: 80% correct
- **Fieldnotes**: by the end of the program these should be at least 80% correct
- Survey skills: 100% correct by the end of the program
- Heritage Conservation Act quiz May 1: 85% correct

Each of these elements of evaluation will be explained on the first day of the course. Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive a Certificate in Archaeology Field Assistance from Camosun College and a Certificate of Competency from the Provincial Archaeology Branch.

6. Grading System

Competency Based Grading System (Non GPA)

This grading system is based on satisfactory acquisition of defined skills or successful completion of the course learning outcomes.

Grade	Description
COM	The student has met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
DST	The student has met and exceeded, above and beyond expectation, the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
NC	The student has not met the goals, criteria or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.

Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy E-1.5 at **camosun.ca** for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete</i> : A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress</i> : A temporary grade assigned for courses that are designed to have an anticipated enrollment that extends beyond one term. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course.
CW	Compulsory Withdrawal: A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.