Anthropology 385B
Archaeology of Ancient China
Tuesday, 3-5:30 pm, George Hall 213

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This course is an introduction to the archaeology of ancient China, a regional survey of the cultural and social changes from the first appearance of humans to the end of Western Han Dynasty (ca. 1 million years ago to A.D. 9) in today’s China. Anthropological approaches are used to examine the following major issues: the adaptations and evolutions of early hominids, transition from foraging to food production, emergence of regional traditions, the development of complex societies, urbanization and state formations, social developments of Bronze Age China, the expansion of the Qin and Han empire, early writing, art and power, politics, nationalism and the practice of archaeology in China.

No pre-requisites of archaeology and Chinese language background. Students with interests in Chinese art history, regional studies and Chinese history are welcome to enroll in this course.

Reading Assignments
The following book will be extensively consulted throughout this course:


A complete list of assigned weekly readings, taken from the above books and other sources, is provided in the class schedule section. Textbooks are available for purchase at UHM bookstore. Readings will be on reserve at Sinclair Library in hard copy and electronic format (http://uhmanoa.lib.hawaii.edu/webvoy.htm).

Grade Evaluation
The major work requirements of this writing intensive course are: Take-Home Final Exam (40%), Term paper (40%), Weekly journal and in-class discussion (20 %)

Weekly Journal Instruction
Students are required to write a 2-3 pages journal every week. This journal should address the issues in the weekly readings. You are also encouraged to raise your questions in the journal. All journals are due at class every week.

**Term Paper Instruction**

Students are encouraged to choose a paper topic in consultation with the instructor. Undergraduate papers should entail research on a specific time period, artifact type, archaeological site, or other focused topic relevant to ancient Chinese archaeology. The paper should be minimum 12 pages of text (not including bibliography), double spaced and type-written. Graduate student papers should select a current problem in Chinese archaeology, and should discuss its background, significance, and possible solutions. The paper should be minimum 16 pages of text (excluding reference), double spaced and type-written. However, your grade will be based on the overall quality of the paper. A one-page description of the paper topic, with a preliminary bibliography, is due on November 17 in class. Papers are due on December 18.

No late papers will be accepted without prior permission of the instructor. All late papers will be down-graded 5 points (half a letter grade) for each day it is late. Paper must be either handed in person or emailed to the instructor.

**CLASS SCHEDULE**

8/25, Introduction, Geography of China, History of Chinese archaeology

Readings:


9/1. Hunting and Gathering: The Palaeolithic China

Readings:


9/8. Neolithic Revolution: the Beginnings of Food Production in China

Readings:


9/15. Development of Cultural Complexity and the Formation of Regional Traditions: the Early and Middle Neolithic China

Readings:


9/22. Interregional Interactions and the Emergence of Regional Polities: the Late Neolithic in Yellow River and North China
Readings:


9/29. **Interregional Interactions and the Emergence of Regional Polities: the Late Neolithic in Yangtze River and South China**

Readings:


10/6. **Early Archaic States and the Search for the Xia Dynasty: the Erlitou culture**

Readings:


10/13. **Archaeology of Shang: Erligang, Anyang and others**

Readings:

10/20. Archaeology of Western Zhou

Readings:


10/27. Frontiers and periphery in Bronze Age China

Readings:


11/3. Eastern Zhou Archaeology: Spring and Autumn Period

Readings:


Readings:


11/17. Archaeology of Qin

Readings:


~~~ One Page Description of Term Paper Due (Nov. 17)~~~

11/24. Archaeology of Western Han

Readings:


12/1. Ancient Chinese civilization in a world perspective and the practice of archaeology in modern China

Readings:


12/8. Take-home Examination (Final Exam). DUE Tuesday December 15 at 12:00 Noon to main office (Saunders 346)~~~

December 18, Friday, Term Paper Due