**AHS 2207 Advanced Theories and Approaches in Archaeology since 1950 to date**

**Course Objectives:** This course aims at equipping students with recent and current theoretical and practical approaches in archaeology.

**Course Description**

The course focuses on recent and current approaches influencing the thinking and practices of archaeology in the world. Currently, such approaches include Ethnoarchaeology, landscape archaeology, nautical archaeology, archaeological GIS, Public archaeology, developmental archaeology and engendered archaeology.

**Assessment:** 30% Course Work; 70% Examination

**Course Outline**

Topic 1: General Background

* 1. How approaches originate
	2. Development and termination

Topic 2: Ethnoarchaeology

2.1 Definition

2.2 Historical Development of the concept

2.3 Application in Archaeology: strengths and weaknesses

Topic3: Landscape Archaeology

3.1 Definition

3.2 Historical Development of the concept

3.3 Application in Archaeology: strengths and weaknesses

Topic 4: Archaeology and GIS

4.1 Definition

4.2 Historical Development of the concept

4.3 Application in Archaeology: strengths and weaknesses

Topic 5: Public Archaeology

5.1 Definition

5.2 Historical Development of the concept

5.3 Application in Archaeology: strengths and weaknesses

Topic 6: Developmental Archaeology

6.1 Definition

6.2 Historical Development of the concept

6.3 Application in Archaeology: strengths and weaknesses

Topic 7: Nautical Archaeology

7.1 Definition

7.2 Historical Development of the concept

7.3 Application in Archaeology: strengths and weaknesses

Topic 8: Engendered Archaeology

8.1 Definition

8.2 Historical Development of the concept

8.3 Application in Archaeology: strengths and weaknesses

**Basic Readings**

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