**AHS 3208 Basics in Archaeology**

**Course Objectives:** This course aims at providing basic and general archaeological knowledge to students who do not major in archaeology but need archaeological know-how in their respective fields of specialization. Such fields include history, sociology, geography, zoology, botany, linguistics, anthropology etc.

**Course Description**

This is a specially designed course meant to offer service to disciplines which have some relationship with archaeology. Students will be introduced to a selection of topics to enhance the grasp of their fields of specialization. Students majoring in archaeology cannot take this course for credit (can only audit) because they would have acquired an in depth coverage of the various topics in other courses.

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

**Course Outline**

Topic 1: Introduction

* 1. Definition of Archaeology
  2. Role of archaeology
  3. Scope of archaeology

Topic 2: Archaeology and related Disciplines

2.1 Archaeology and History

2.2 Archaeology and Anthropology

2.3 Archaeology and Sociology

2.4 Archaeology and Art

2.4 Archaeology and Zoology/Botany

2.5 Archaeology and Geography/Geology

Topic 3: Archaeological Methods

3.1 Written documents

3.2 Oral tradition

3.3 Archaeological Survey

3.4 Archaeological excavation

3.5 Common dating techniques

Topic 4: Archaeological Theories

4.1 Formative days

4.2 Pre-Processualism

4.3 Post- Processualism

Topic 5: Basics of Human Evolution

5.1 Primates

5.2. Ape-like human

5.3 Early humans

5.4 Modern humans

Topic 6: Basics of Cultural Evolution

6.1 Oldowan Industrial complex

6.2 Acheulian industrial complex

6.3 MSA

6.4 LSA

6.5 Neolithic and Domestication

6.6 Metal Age

Topic 7: Archaeology and Environment

7.1 Archaeological determinants of Palaeoenvironment

7.2 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

7.3 Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment (CHIA)

Topic 8: Archaeology and Society

8.1 Economic Development

8.2 Political Development

8.3 Cultural Development

8.4 Social development

**Basic readings**

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