

LAST 501 Topic 50, Advanced Maya Studies
Conference course in Latin American Studies
SPRING 2021

Course Description

The class is designed to allow students to pursue independent research on various topics related to the ancient Maya.

Prerequisites:

None

Course Objectives:

The student of this course will be able to:

1. Enhance critical thinking skills
2. Identify the important and reliable sources of data
3. Develop a basic understanding of social science research practices
4. Develop a basic understanding of specific issues and problems in studying the past
5. Engage with local communities through knowledge dissemination

Required Texts:

- Articles and chapters assigned by the instructor

Assignments and Evaluation:

- Participation in class discussions, 10%
- Daily journals, notes, and reflections on readings and lectures, 20%.
- Poster or photo/video essay on the field research activities, intended for display in local communities, 20%
- Photo/video essay on a concept or problem related to your final project, 20%
- Final project (paper, 12-15 pages in length or public presentation, 30 minutes in length), 30%

Registrar-scheduled Final Examination: No

Policy for Late Assignments:

Assignments submitted after the deadline may be penalized with the loss of a grade.

Grading Scale:

There is no uniform grading scale at the University of Calgary. Each class uses a different scale depending on the difficulty of the material presented and the requirements of the course. Please examine this grading scale carefully. No changes will be made to this scale.

A+ 96-100

B+ 82-85

C+ 70-73

D+ 56-61

A 90-95

B 78-81

C 66-69

D 50-55

A- 86-90

B- 74-77

C- 62-65

F <50