# San José State University Social Sciences/Anthropology ANTH159, Mummies, Section 1, Spring 2014

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# **Faculty Web Page and MYSJSU Messaging**

Copies of the course materials such as the syllabus, major assignment handouts, etc. may be found on my faculty web page at http://www.sjsu.edu/people/elizabeth.weiss/. You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through MySJSU (or other communication system as indicated by the instructor).

# **Course Description**

Explore mummies from around the world. Examine the archaeological and biological evidence of how and why mummification was practiced in these cultures, plus what the examination of mummies can tell us about past peoples cultures, diseases, and lifestyles.

In this course, students will explore the science of mummies from ancient Egypt, China, the Andes, and many other civilizations. We will examine the archaeological and biological evidence of how and why mummification was practiced in these cultures. We will use the scientific literature to understand how scientists employ mummy data to reconstruct past populations, including what people died of, what differences existed between various groups in populations, how people lived their daily lives, and many more.

# **Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

CLO 1 describe the different mummification processes that are found around the world.

CLO 2 explain how anthropologists use mummies to assess health and status of past populations.

CLO3 identify from sight pathologies that are found in mummies.

CLO4 locate on unlabeled maps key mummy sites.

# **Required Texts/Readings**

Make sure to bring your textbook to class.

Cockburn TA et al., 1998. *Mummies, Disease and Ancient Cultures*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. **ISBN-10**: 0521589541; **ISBN-13**: 9780521589543

Quigley C. 1998. *Modern Mummies: The Preservation of the Human Body in the Twentieth Century*. Jefferson NC: McFarland Press. **ISBN-10:** 0786428511; **ISBN-13:** 9780786428519

# **Course Requirements and Assignments**

<u>Turnitin.com Information:</u> You will be required to enroll in turnitin.com. The required information to do so is:

Class ID: 7198638

Class Name: ANTH159\_Spring2014

Password: mummies

- There will be 4 quizzes (15% each) and a comprehensive final exam (25%).
- There will be one 4 to 5-page paper on a particular mummy or type of mummy (15%).
- There will be extra credit opportunities.
- Read the assignments before class and ask questions when something is unclear.
- I will not answer questions regarding study guides, exams or grades in emails.

# **Grading Policy**

Grading is as followed:

A	В	С	D
97% - 100% = A+	87-89% = B+	77-79% = C+	67-69% = D+
91-96% = A	81-86% = B	71-76% = C	61-66% = D
90% = A-	80% = B-	70% = C-	60% = D-

# **Attendance and Participation**

There will be various in-class participation assignments intended to help students on quizzes and the final. These are an integral part of class; it is important to arrive on time and attend the entire class period.

# Make-up Work

If you know in advance that you should be unable to attend a quiz or the final it is your responsibility to contact me immediately by either e-mailing or telephoning me, leaving a message for me at the main department office, or coming by during my office hours. Late papers are accepted only with a valid documented excuse.

Extra credit opportunities may be available sometimes.

### Taking tests for my classes:

- 1) Make sure to read each question carefully.
- 2) Make sure to arrive on time.
- 3) Put everything except your writing tools away.
- 4) Once I have handed out the first test and until the last test is turned in, there will be no talking permitted.
- 5) Always keep your eyes on your own papers.
- 6) Spelling counts. Misspelled answers will be marked as incorrect.
- 7) During the test, you can ask me questions if you need clarification on the question. To do this, please raise your hand and I will come over to you. If you have a question about the answer or about the meaning of a word that you should know (e.g., it is in your reading or I have used it in class), I will not answer the question.
- 8) Once you are finished, turn in your test and then you are free to leave.
- 9) Test results will be posted on turnitin.com.
- 10) Tests will be passed out the next class period and then we will review the answers. If you miss class, make sure to pick up the test the subsequent class period or during office hours.

### Classroom Protocol

Please respect your neighbors and refrain from newspaper reading; using electronics; utilizing computers for anything other than taking notes. Any behavior deemed disruptive to the instructor or other students may result in being asked to leave the classroom or being referred to the Judicial Affairs Officer of the University.

# Departmental Goals\_

Learn about the goals of the anthropology department and how it can benefit your education. Goals <a href="http://www.sjsu.edu/anthropology/departmentinfo/goals/index.html">http://www.sjsu.edu/anthropology/departmentinfo/goals/index.html</a>

### **Credit Hours**

Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of forty-five hours over the length of the course (normally 3 hours per unit per week with 1 of the hours used for lecture) for instruction or preparation/studying or course related activities including but not limited to internships, labs, clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.

# **University Policies\_**

Here are some of the basic university policies that students must follow.

# **Dropping and Adding**

Find the procedures and deadlines for adding and dropping classes.

<u>Catalog Policies</u> <u>http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html.</u>

Add/drop deadlines http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/services/academic\_calendars/

<u>Late Drop Policy</u> http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops/policy/

# Consent for Recording of Class and Public Sharing of Instructor Material

All students must obtain the instructor's permission if they wish to record lectures or distribute materials from the class.

University Policy S12-7 http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-7.pdf

### **Academic integrity**

Learn about the importance of academic honesty and the consequences if it is violated.

<u>University Academic Integrity Policy S07-2</u> http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S07-2.pdf Student Conduct and Ethical Development website http://www.sjsu.edu/studentconduct/

### **Campus Policy in Compliance with the American Disabilities Act**

Here are guidelines to request any course adaptations or accommodations you might need.

<u>Presidential Directive 97-03</u> <u>http://www.sjsu.edu/president/docs/directives/PD 1997-03.pdf</u>

<u>Accessible Education Center</u> http://www.sjsu.edu/aec

### Resources

The university provides resources that can help you succeed academically. Just look here.

Academic Success Center http://www.sjsu.edu/at/asc/

<u>Peer Connections website</u> http://peerconnections.sjsu.edu

<u>Writing Center website</u> http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter

Counseling Services website http://www.sjsu.edu/counseling

# ANTH159 - 1 / Mummies, Spring 2014, Course Schedule

List the agenda for the semester including when and where the final exam will be held. Indicate the schedule is subject to change with fair notice and how the notice will be made available.

**Table 1 Course Schedule** 

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
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1	1/23	Introduction & Greensheet
2	1/28	Mummy in Popular Media; Cockburn et al., 1998: Introduction
	1/30	Egypt: General; Cockburn et al., 1998: Ch. 1
3	2/4	Egypt: Pathology; Cockburn et al., 1998: Chs. 2 & 3
	2/6	Egypt: Class Differences; Cockburn et al., 1998: Chs. 4 & 5
4	2/11	Egypt: Animal Mummies
	2/13	Wrapping Up Egypt; Cockburn et al., 1998: Ch. 6
5	2/18	Quiz 1
	2/20	New World Mummies: Southwestern USA; Cockburn et al., 1998: Ch. 7
6	2/25	New World Mummies: Alaska (& Cold Regions); Cockburn et al., 1998:
		Ch. 8 & Ch. 15
	2/27	New World Mummies: Peru; Cockburn et al., 1998: Ch. 9
7	3/4	New World Mummies: Culture & Pathology; Cockburn et al., 1998: Ch. 10
	3/6	Bundling up New World Mummies
8	3/11	Quiz 2
	3/13	Comparing New World & Old World Mummies
9	3/18	European Mummies: The Bog Bodies; Cockburn et al., 1998: Ch. 11
	3/20	Mummies of Italy, North Africa & the Canary Islands; Cockburn et al.,
1.0	2/2-7	1998: Ch. 12
10	3/25	SPRING BREAK WEEK
1.1	3/27	
11	4/1	Australian & Melanesian Mummies; Cockburn et al., 1998: Ch. 13.
10	4/3	Asian Mummies; Cockburn et al., 1998: Ch. 14
12	4/8	Latest Research
12	4/10	No Class
13	4/15	Laying to rest ancient mummies
1.4	4/17	Quiz 3  Modern Mummios, Formous Mummios, Quislay, 1008, Ch. 2
14	4/22	Modern Mummies: Famous Mummies; Quigley 1998: Ch. 2 Mummies of Outlaws and Victims; Quigley 1998: Ch. 3
15	4/24	Forensic Cases of Mummies; Quigley 1998; Ch. 4
13	4/29 5/1	Mummification & Immortality in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century; Quigley 1998: Ch. 5
16	5/6	Thawing out Modern Mummies
10	5/8	Quiz 4
17	5/13	Last Day of Class; Review; Paper Due
Final	3/13	For date and time see:
Exam		http://info.sjsu.edu/static/schedules/final-exam-schedule-spring.html
LAum		http://mio.sjsu.odd/static/schedules/final exam schedule spfing.html