Mississippian Cultures and Cahokia
ANT 475.001
Spring 2020
Meeting dates and time: TBD
LAN329

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Course Description
SFASU Bulletin Description: Individual instruction, conference and research for advanced students.

Student Learning Outcomes:
Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:
1) understand the Southeastern Ceremonial Cult.
2) understand the place of Cahokia in the greater Mississippian world.
3) understand the different settlements and chiefdom control during the Mississippian period.
4) determine the downfall of the Mississippian cultures.

Required Text and Other Materials:
There are no required texts, but depending on the topic for each session, the student will have to read material that is given by the professor and material obtained through research.

You are expected to have read all of the material assigned for each meeting before you come to meet during our designated time. If you do not do the readings and cannot conduct a discussion with Dr. Cecil, you will be asked to write reading summaries in addition to regularly scheduled meetings

Class Requirements/Structure:
We will meet every two weeks to discuss the assigned topics. The date and time will be determined by Dr. Cecil and Kelly Ford.

Assignments and Exams:
There will be one research paper and one project during the semester. The research paper topic will be chosen by Kelly and will be 10 pages in length with at least
15 academic sources.

**Grading Policy:**
Research Paper 100 points
Professionalism 50 points

Grades are posted on myCourses/WebCT/mySFA so that you can always figure out your grade in the course. Letter grades are as follows: A (100-90%); B (89-80%); C (79-70%); D (69-60%); and F (59% and below).

**Attendance and Excused absences**
We will meet once a week at a date and time to be determined the week previous. For each absence, you will lose 5 points in attendance.

**Professionalism:**
You are expected to act professionally at all times and to treat each other and me (the professor) with respect. When you come to class, please turn off your cell phones. There will be no text messaging during class time. If you use your cell phone during class time, you will lose all of your attendance points. Remember, if you are doing something other than paying attention in class you interfere with your classmate’s abilities to learn. Please be courteous to everyone in class.

**Acceptable Student Behavior:**
Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (see the Student Conduct Code, policy 10.4). Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/ inappropiate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the Early Alert Program. This program provides students with recommendations for resources or other assistance that is available to help SFA students succeed.

**Students with Disabilities** http://www2.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/
To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations.

**Academic Integrity:** http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/student_academic_dishonesty.pdf
Cheating and plagiarism on exams and projects will not be tolerated.
Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the
components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.

**Definition of Academic Dishonesty**
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one's own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper without giving the author due credit.

**Add/Drop Policy:** [http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/course-add-drop_610.pdf](http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/course-add-drop_610.pdf)

**Withheld Grades:** [http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/course-grades.pdf](http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/course-grades.pdf)
Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.
Reading/Class Schedule:

Topic/Readings outline
(Please have the readings for the day read before the class for which they are assigned.)

Meeting 1 Establish Course Materials and Focus

Meeting 2-3 Mississippian culture in general

Meeting 3 Southeastern Ceremonial Cult

Meeting 4- Mississippian culture traits

Meeting 5-6 The rise of Cahokia/Cahokia

Meeting 7 Cahokia and Etowah

Meeting 8 The fall of Mississippian cultures.

Final Papers due to Dr. Cecil by Monday May 23, 2020
Department of Anthropology, Geography, and Sociology Assessment Syllabus Insert
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Program Learning Outcomes

The sociology program states the following items as Program Learning Objectives (PLOs) for sociology majors.

PLO1 The students will be able to identify, compare, and contrast sociological classical and contemporary theories.
PLO2 The student will be able to identify the principles of good social scientific research design. Such principles include validity, reliability, precision in measurement, and sampling methodology.
PLO3 The student will possess sociological knowledge as evidenced by the identification of the major concepts involved with social stratification, demography, race and ethnic relations, deviance, and globalization.
PLO4 The student will be able to apply sociological knowledge and skills to a variety of settings.
PLO5 The student will recognize the implicit assumptions behind claims of knowledge about the social world, will be able to evaluate and distinguish between strong and weak arguments, and will be able to draw conclusions from a set of premises.
PLO6 The student will be able to read theoretical arguments and to identify their major strengths and weaknesses.
PLO7 The student will be able to analyze a data set using statistical techniques and draw conclusions from the results.

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