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ANEA 510
ARCHAEOLOGY AND BIBLE
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GENERAL CLASS INFORMATION

Class location: Canadian University College, Alberta, Canada
Class time/day: Sunday 7-9 p.m (class times for this intensive may be slightly adjusted)
Mon-Thurs 8 a.m. – noon; 1:30 -5p.m
Credits offered: 3

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The assembling of archaeological and ancient textual material which, interpreted from the philosophical viewpoint of the Bible, emphasizes the accuracy and authenticity of the Scripture. A study of cultures, customs, languages, and rituals that throw light on the statements of God's Word.

Prerequisite: None.

COURSE MATERIALS

Required: Online lectures.

Students must watch all lectures prior to the intensive in March and be prepared to discuss issues during the class periods. For access to online lectures, email sdlc@andrews.edu. You must include your **name, Andrews ID number and non-Andrews email address**.

Recommended books:

1. Alfred Hoerth, *Archaeology and the Old Testament* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998). ISBN 9780801036255
2. Alfred Hoerth and John McRay, *Bible and Archaeology; An Exploration of the History and Culture of Early Civilizations* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2005). For ISBN and price information, please see the listing at the Bookstore www.andrews.edu/bookstore.

OUTCOMES

Program Learning Outcomes (PO)

MA in Pastoral Ministry (MAPMin) English & Spanish Program Outcomes

1. Demonstrate proper biblical interpretation skills and application of biblical teachings.
2. Apply ethical principles in the context of the Seventh-day Adventist ministry.
3. Understand the historical-theological development of major SDA doctrines.
4. Prepare and deliver effective expository and prophetic sermons.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) The student should be able to:

1. To introduce students to the archaeological backgrounds of biblical persons, events, customs, and places.
2. To help students to recognize where archaeology interacts with the Bible and how it continues to illuminate our understanding of the Written Word.
3. To introduce students to major principles used in the past to interpret the archaeological data and acquaint students with different methodologies used during excavations.
4. To introduce students to the resources which will increase awareness of the cultures, customs, languages, and rituals that illuminate the background of the Bible.
5. To help students develop an ability to recognize the contribution of historical geography and to visualize biblical events and their settings in Palestine and other areas pertaining to the biblical record.
6. To help students understand archaeology's role in relation to biblical studies and to discriminate between legitimate uses of archaeology and claims made for archaeology which exceed its proper use.
7. To help the students to apply all this material to their personal spiritual experience and to use it in their ministerial work.

TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Day	Date	Class Topic	Outcomes
1		Significance of Archaeology; Forgotten Treasure; Development of Biblical Archaeology	PO (4); MAPMIN SLO (1,2,3,7)
2		Biblical Creation and Archaeology; Biblical Flood and Archaeology; Patriarchs	PO (1,2,3,4); MAPMIN SLO (4,5,6,7)
3		Joseph and Egypt; Exodus	PO (1,2,3,4); MAPMIN SLO (4,5,6,7)
4		Conquest and Settlement	PO (1,2,3,4); MAPMIN SLO (4,5,6,7)

GRADING AND ASSESSMENT

Credit-Hour Definitions

A professional 3-credit course taken at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary requires a total of 135 hours for course lectures, reading requirements and written assignments. An academic 3-credit course requires 180 hours for course lectures, reading requirements and written assignments. For this course, the instructor estimates that this total of 135 hours will be distributed in the following activities:

- Class Lectures: 35 hours
- Online lectures 30 hours
- Reading: 30 hours
- Written Assignments: 20 hours
- Sermons: 20 hours

Criteria for Grades

1. Class Attendance and Participation

Students are required to be physically present on every class period of the course. Attendance is required because much of the learning process takes place in the classroom (see, Seminary Bulletin). Absence, tardiness, and non-participation in class discussions will negatively reflect on final grade. Active and positive class participation will enhance your academic success.

2. Projects:

- a) Prepare a list of **three biblical texts** and/or passages (e.g., referring to a person, place, or event) which are illuminated by archaeological evidence.
- b) Submit a one-page single-spaced written report (WordPerfect or MS Word format) for *each* of these three texts/passages—each on a separate 8½ x 11 inch piece of paper. (See attached sample)

- c) The reports are due on or **before July 30, 2015** and should include the following information:
- Student's name, the date, and title of course.
 - The full text of the passage with its reference.
 - A short description of how the text/passage is illuminated by archaeological evidence.
 - A list of at least three bibliographic sources consulted in developing your report on that particular text/passage.
 - An explanation of how this discovery has been beneficial to you personally and/or how you may use this information in your future ministry/work.
 - Reports will be evaluated on the basis of clarity, completeness, and compelling data.

3. Sermons

Students will have to write two sermons implementing the course material. **Due July 30, 2015**

Passing Grades

Students must have 65% of all class assignments to pass the course.

Assessment Submission

All projects must be submitted before or on **July 30, 2015**.

Late Submission

Late submission is not possible.

Other Guidelines

1.	Projects	40%
2.	Sermons	40%
3.	Class participation	20%
	Total	100%

Percentage Score	Grade Assigned	Percentage Score	Grade Assigned
95-100	A	70-74	C+
90-94	A-	65-69	C
85-89	B+	60-64	C-
80-84	B	50-59	D
75-79	B-	0-49	F

CLASS POLICIES

Disability Accommodations

If you qualify for accommodations under the American Disabilities Act, please see the instructor as soon as possible for referral and assistance in arranging such accommodations.

Late Assignment Submission

No late submission of assignments

Additional Policies

- Eating and drinking (except bottled water) is not allowed
- Cell phones must be disconnected during the class sessions
- Computers are acceptable only for class notes (no games, movies etc.)

Examinations

“Credit is not granted in courses unless the required examinations are completed by the student. Students are expected to follow the published examination schedule. In cases where the schedule requires a student to complete four exams in one day, arrangements may be made with the dean to complete one of the examinations at another time”.

AU Bulletin

Class Attendance

“Regular attendance at all classes, laboratories and other academic appointments is required for each student. Faculty members are expected to keep regular attendance records. The syllabus notifies students of the attendance requirements.

AU Bulletin

Teacher Tardiness

“Teachers have the responsibility of getting to class on time. If a teacher is detained and will be late, the teacher must send a message to the class with directions. If after 10 minutes no message has been received, students may leave without penalty. If teacher tardiness persists, students have the right to notify the department chair, or if the teacher is the department chair, to notify the dean”.

AU Bulletin

Class Absences

“Whenever the number of absences exceeds 20% (10% for graduate classes) of the total course appointments, the teacher may give a failing grade. Merely being absent from campus does not exempt the student from this policy. Absences recorded because of late registration, suspension, and early/late vacation leaves are not excused. The class work missed may be made up only if the teacher allows. Three tardies are equal to one absence.

Registered students are considered class members until they file a Change of Registration form in the Office of Academic records”.

AU Bulletin

Excused Absences

“Excuses for absences due to illness are granted by the teacher. Proof of illness is required. Residence hall students are required to see a nurse on the first day of any illness which interferes with class attendance. Non-residence hall students should show written verification of illness obtained from their own physician. Excuses for absences not due to illness are issued directly to the dean’s office. Excused absences do not remove the student’s responsibility to complete all requirements of a course. Class work is made up by permission of the teacher”.

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Academic Integrity

“In harmony with the mission statement (p.18), Andrews University expects that students will demonstrate the ability to think clearly for themselves and exhibit personal and moral integrity in every sphere of life. Thus, students are expected to display honesty in all academic matters.

Academic dishonesty includes (but is not limited to) the following acts: falsifying official documents; plagiarizing, which includes copying others’ published work, and/or failing to give credit properly to other authors and creators; misusing copyrighted material and/or violating licensing agreements (actions that may result in legal action in addition to disciplinary action taken by the University); using media from any source or medium, including the Internet (e.g., print, visual images, music) with the intent to mislead, deceive or defraud; presenting another’s work as one’s own (e.g. placement exams, homework, assignments); using material during a quiz or examination other than those specifically allowed by the teacher or program; stealing, accepting, or studying from stolen quizzes or examination materials; copying from another student during a regular or take-home test or quiz; assisting another in acts of academic dishonesty (e.g., falsifying attendance records, providing unauthorized course materials).

Andrews University takes seriously all acts of academic dishonesty. Such acts as described above are subject to incremental discipline for multiple offenses and severe penalties for some offenses. These acts are tracked in the office of the Provost. Repeated and/or flagrant offenses will be referred to the Committee for Academic Integrity for recommendations on further penalties. Consequences may include denial of admission, revocation of admission, warning from a teacher with or without formal documentation, warning from a chair or academic dean with formal documentation, receipt of a reduced or failing grade with or without notation of the reason on the transcript, suspension or dismissal from the course, suspension or dismissal from the program, expulsion from the university, or degree cancellation. Disciplinary action may be retroactive if academic dishonesty becomes apparent after the student leaves the course, program or university

Departments or faculty members may publish additional, perhaps more stringent, penalties for academic dishonesty in specific programs or courses”.

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Language and Grammar

There is an expectation that a student enrolled in a graduate program possesses advanced written language skills, particularly in the language in which the degree is acquired. Thus, no special consideration will be given to English as a second language learners or native-English speakers who have yet to obtain mastery in written English. Such students are advised to seek the assistance of the campus writing lab or procure the services of an editor prior to the submission of their assignments. *Tips for success* include reading your assignments aloud and having someone else do likewise prior to submission. This practice will provide you with immediate feedback on your written assignments.

Emergency Protocol

Andrews University takes the safety of its student seriously. Signs identifying emergency protocol are posted throughout buildings. Instructors will provide guidance and direction to students in the classroom in the event of an emergency affecting that specific location. It is important that you follow these instructions and stay with your instructor during any evacuation or sheltering emergency.

INSTRUCTOR PROFILE

Randall W. Younker is Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Archaeology and Director of the Institute of Archaeology at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. in Near Eastern Archaeology from the University of Arizona under William G. Dever. He also holds a degree in Religion and an MA in Biology. Randy has been a field archaeologist for the last 34 years working in Israel, Jordan, Cyprus and Sicily where he has directed and co-directed numerous archaeological projects. He has co-edited seven books and published or co-published over 75 scholarly and professional articles and reviews. His publications include contributions to the *Anchor Bible Dictionary*, *The Archaeology of Society in the Holy Land* (edited by Tom Levy), and *Peoples of the Old Testament World* (1998) and the *Oxford Handbook on the Archaeology of the Levant* (2014). He also edited and contributed to *Ancient Ammon* (1999) and *Crossing Jordan* (2007) and *The Madaba Plains Project: Forty Years of Archaeological Research into Jordan's Past* (2011). He was also a consultant for the National Geographic publication, *The Letter and the Scroll: What Archaeology tells us about the Bible* (2009). He has taught the course, *Issues in Origins* at the Seminary for the last 28 years.



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Student Name
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PASSAGE

Mark 15: 22 *And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. And they tried to give Him wine mixed with myrrh; but He did not take it. And they crucified Him, and divided up His garments among themselves, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take.*

ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONNECTION

The bones of a man identified on the ossuary as “Yehohanan, son of Hagakol” were discovered in a tomb north of the Old City of Jerusalem. The bones of the feet were still pierced by an iron nail, indicating that the man had been crucified.

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USE OF THE INFORMATION



Crucifixion nail and ankle bone of Jehohanan

The remains of Jehohanan do more than simply confirm that crucifixion was a form of capital punishment practiced during the days of Jesus. They also shed light on the method of crucifixion, a subject the gospels do not elaborate on. The feet were placed on either side of the main beam of the cross, and an iron nail driven through the ankle into the cross. The arm bones showed abrasion marks, indicating that the nails pierced the arm prior to the wrist, rather than piercing the palm of the hand. Disks or “washers” made of olive-wood were placed between the head of the nail and the body to prevent the victim from pulling loose.