



COURSE SYLLABUS

## **BOSNIAN MEGALITHIC SITES**

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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- A. TITLE: Bosnian Megalithic Sites
- B. COURSE NUMBER:
- C. CREDIT HOURS: 3 U.S. / 6 ECTS
- D. INSTRUCTOR: Dr.sci. Sam Semir Osmanagic  
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OFFICE HOURS: Saturdays 12-2 p.m. AUBiH Sarajevo office, upon appointment and on request.
- E. COURSE LENGTH: 4 weeks
- F. SEMESTER(S) OFFERED: Summer School
- G. HOURS OF LECTURE, FIELD WORK, FIELD TRIPS, TUTORIAL, ACTIVITY:  
4 hours lecture per week  
4 hours field trip per week  
12 hours field archaeological work per week
- H. Course Description:  
This course examines four prehistoric megalithic phenomenon in Bosnia-Herzegovina: pyramids, stone spheres, megalithic blocks in underground labyrinth and tumulus. Course consists of academic lectures, daily trips to the archaeological sites, light field work under supervision of professional archaeologists.
- I. PRE-REQUISITES/CO-COURSES:  
Power Point Presentation
- J. GOALS (STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES):  
By the end of this course, the student will be aware of:  
1. knowledge of new archaeological discoveries that impact our view of humanity  
2. understanding of necessity to apply inter-disciplinary scientific methods to events and locations from ancient history  
3. Basic understanding of continuity and change as well as causality in history.  
4. Work collaboratively in a team setting by sharing in collective decision-making, meeting deadlines, and presenting group progress in an oral report.

K. TEXTS & References:

- Osmanagich, Sam (2011), Pyramids around the World, Foundation APBPS
- Swelim, N. (2011), The Pyramids, Pyramid Study and Construction, The Bradshaw Foundation, [http://www.bradshawfoundation.com/pyramids\\_of\\_egypt/nabil\\_swelim.php](http://www.bradshawfoundation.com/pyramids_of_egypt/nabil_swelim.php))
- Quigley, Carroll (2010), The Evolution of Civilizations, Liberty Fund, Inc.
- Hancock, Graham (2010), Lost Knowledge of the Ancients, Bear & Company
- Osmanagich, Sam (2005), The World of the Maya, Gorgias Press LLC
- Coppens, Phillip (2007), The New Pyramid Age, O Books

L. Teaching methods: Combination of interactive lectures, in-class discussions, field archaeological work and field trips.

M. EQUIPMENT: Computer, projector

N. GRADING METHOD: Grading is based on AUBIH Grading scale and measurement criteria (bellow). Attendance is compulsory, as well as preparation for classes. Unexcused absence is penalized.

Number grade	Percentage	Letter grade
10	90 - 100	A
9	80 - 89	B
8	70 - 79	C
7	65 - 69	D
6	60 - 64	-D
5	0 - 59	F

O. MEASUREMENT CRITERIA/METHODS:

Pre-Final Exam obligations and points	Description	Points (%) (Max)	Points (%) Earned
	Attendance	5%	%
	Exam 1	10%	%
	Exam 2*	10%	%
	Exam 3	10%	%
	Exam 4*	10%	%
	Participation & presentation - Individual - Team	10%	%
	Field trips	10%	%
	Archaeological field work	10%	%
	Total	<u>75%</u>	%
	Final Exam	<u>25%</u>	%
Total Points (Pre-Final exam obligations + Final exam)		<u>100%</u>	%

Q. DETAILED WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Week #	Topic	Activity	Homework/plans
1	Class 1 - Course Introduction		
	Class 2 - 4	Pyramids as the worldwide ancient phenomenon	Read texts and references
1	Class 5 - 8	Field trip to Visoko	
	Class 9 - 20	Field archaeological work in Visoko	Extra credit Exam
2	Class 1 - 4	Underground tunnel networks	Read texts and references
2	Class 5 - 8	Field trip - Underground labyrinth in Visoko	
	Class 9 - 20	Field archaeological work in Visoko - interaction with archaeologists, experts and volunteers	Extra credit Exam
3	Class 1 - 4	Stone spheres as the worldwide phenomenon	Read texts and references
	Class 5 - 8	Field trip to Zavidovici	
3	Class 9 - 20	Field archaeological work in Zavidovici - interaction with archaeologists, experts and volunteers	Extra credit Exam
4	Class 1 - 4	Tumulus as a prehistorical phenomenon	Read text and references
	Class 5 - 8	Field trip to tumulus in Visoko	
4	Class 9 -20	Field archaeological work in Vratnica - interaction with archaeologists, experts and volunteers	Extra credit Exam
4	Final (preparation, test, review) (C)		

P. Other necessary information:

Academic Honesty

Obtaining information from another student or other unauthorized sources, or giving information to another student, in connection with an examination or assignment is prohibited.

## DETAILED TOPIC OUTLINE

### TOPICS

#### Week 1: PYRAMIDS

- A. Pyramids as the worldwide concept
- B. Bosnian Valley of the Pyramids - trip to Visoko
- C. Field archaeological work in Visoko



#### Week 2: UNDERGROUND LABYRINTH WITH MEGALITHS

- A. Underground tunnel networks worldwide
- B. Underground labyrinth in Visoko - visit to Visoko
- C. Field archaeological work in underground tunnels in Visoko



#### Week 3: STONE SPHERES

- A. Stone sphere as a worldwide civilizational phenomenon
- B. Bosnian stone spheres - visit to Zavidovici
- C. Field archaeological work in Zavidovici



Week 4: TUMULUS

- A. Tumulus as a prehistorical phenomenon
- B. Tumulus in Bosnian Valley of the Pyramids - visit to Vratnica (Visoko)
- C. Field archaeological work in Vratnica



Note: All students will have a unique opportunity to join International Summer Camp for Volunteers „Bosnian Pyramids 2011“ and work with volunteers from all over the world at the archaeological sites in Visoko, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

