

Course code : ARCH 31444
Course title : World Prehistory
Type : Core
Pre requisites : None

Learning Outcomes:

Students will be given an adequate knowledge on the prehistory of the world with special emphasis on the biological and cultural development of humankind.

Content:

The concept of prehistory. Development of this subdiscipline within archaeology and anthropology. The geological time scale. The origin and evolution of species. Human evolution and the biological development of man. Cultural development of prehistoric man. Human dispersal and environmental factor. Paleolithic, mesolithic and neolithic cultures of Asia, Africa, Australia, Europe and America. Prehistoric art, technology, mortuary practices. Plant and animal domestication in different parts of the world. Beginning of settled life, origin of urbanization and the rise of civilization.

Teaching and Learning Methods: Lectures, field studies, workshops

Scheme of Evaluation: 80% for written examination and 20% for assignment

Recommended Readings:

01. Renfrew, Colin (ed.) (1973) *The Explanation of Culture Change: Models in Prehistory*, Duck Worth, Gloucester.
02. Bailey, G. and J. Parkington (1988) *The Archaeology of Prehistoric Coastlines*, Cambridge University press, Cambridge.
03. Higham, C. (1996) *The Bronze age of Southeast Asia*, Cambridge University press, Cambridge.
04. Kavita (2007) *Fossils*, AITBS Publishers and distributors, New Delhi.
05. Jones, Stephen, Robert Martin, David Pibeam (1994) *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Human Evolution*, Cambridge university press.
06. Scarr, Charis (ed.) (2005) *The Human Past: World Prehistory and Development of Human Societies*, Thames and Hudson, London.
07. Wigley, T.M.L., M. J. Ingram, G. Farmer (1981) *Climate and History: Studies in past climates and their Impact on Man*, Cambridge university press, Cambridge.

08. Yasuda, Yoshinori (ed.) (2002) *The Origins of Pottery and Agriculture*, International Research Center for Japanese Studies, Kyoto.
09. Yasuda, Yoshinori and Vasant shinde (2004) *Monsoon and Civilization*, Roli: books Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi.
10. Zeuner, F.E. (1963) *Environment of Early Man with Special Reference to the Tropical Regions*, Baroda.