

**UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**  
**INSTITUTE OF ANTHROPOLOGY, GENDER AND AFRICAN STUDIES**  
**NAF 108: FUNDAMENTALS OF ARCHAEOLOGY**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

Lecturer: Isaac Were

**OBJECTIVES**

1. To define Archaeological Anthropology
2. To outline the goals of archaeology in Anthropology
3. To evaluate the contribution of archaeology in national development
4. To discuss challenges facing archaeology in Africa.

**TOPICS**

1. The nature and scope of Archaeology: Definitions of archaeology.
2. The **history** of Archaeology.
3. The contribution of archaeology in studying Anthropology; the goals of archaeology.
4. The variety of archaeological evidence: forms of archaeological data.
5. Basic concepts in Archaeology; time and space; data collection and analysis; social and political organization; religion and ritual; art and symbolism; environmental reconstruction; synthesis and interpretation.
6. Management of archaeological heritage.
7. Archaeology and public.
8. The role of archaeology in national development: A case study of Kenya.
9. Challenge facing archaeology in Africa.
10. Field Trip.

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