Anthro 124A is an intensive review of the archaeology and prehistory of the region known as Oceania, including the classically defined Melanesian, Micronesian, and Polynesian culture areas. For the Oceanic islands and archipelagoes the course systematically review current evidence as to their settlement histories, as well as what is known of the development of their distinctive patterns of technology, economy, sociopolitical organization, and ideology as indicated by the archaeological record. A holistic approach to anthropological archaeology will be used, drawing upon secondary evidence from linguistics, comparative ethnography, and human biology as well as direct archaeological evidence. Particular emphasis will be placed on the controlled comparison of different island cultures, for insights to general patterns of cultural change and transformation.