Archaeology of the Southwest is an introductory course in the study of the American Southwest, developed by the Arizona Archaeological Society (under the title Prehistory of the Southwest) to provide a basic overview of the region’s archaeology and cultures. The class includes discussions of cultural sequences, dating systems, subsistence strategies, the development of urbanization, depopulation of different areas at different times, and the general characteristics of major cultural groups who have lived in the Southwest over the past 13,000-plus years.

During 24 hours of class time online in Zoom open sessions, this course provides an up-to-date synthesis of the regional archaeology for anyone interested in southwestern native cultures. It also is the prerequisite for all other courses offered in the Arizona Archaeological Society Certification/Education Program (see box).

To register contact
Old Pueblo Archaeology Center
at 520-798-1201 or info@oldpueblo.org.

The Arizona Archaeological Society (AAS) is a separate organization from Old Pueblo Archaeology Center.

The AAS Certification/Education Program is designed with the help of professional archaeologists to give training in various aspects of archaeology outside of an academic degree program. Some courses provide field experience in addition to classroom training so students can develop skills that may make them qualified and valuable members of archaeological projects. A student may elect to join the Program where records will be kept of courses taken, and where certificates will be issued upon successful completion of course requirements.

To enroll in the AAS Program, one must be a member of the AAS, complete the AAS Certification Program Application form, and pay the AAS a one-time fee of $10. When the application is accepted, the Department Recorder will establish a file in the individual's name to maintain a permanent record of qualifications. The applicant will receive a certificate that the instructor will sign as each course is completed and as the individual becomes certified in that aspect of archaeology.

(One does not need to seek AAS certification to enroll in classes offered by Old Pueblo Archaeology Center.)

For complete information on the AAS Program visit https://www.azarchsoc.org/page-807603.