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I think the course was very good and I certainly learned a great deal. Having such an intensive introduction was good, especially with the lab being open at night.

- the length of the course is nice because it's hard to take off more than one week in the summer.

- the TV monitors were good although for certain things, like positioning pressure tools, one had to go and sit beside Don.

- the instructor was just super and it made the course worth while just to watch him work.

- at times the lighting in the lab was inadequate, and the TV lights, when they were available, really helped.

It's difficult to analyze exactly what I have learned-- except that much of the material I had learned on analyzing flakes is either inadequate or completely rock. I have some better ideas of what to look for now. I have also learned some basic techniques in flintknapping which I hope I can build on. Before this course I had tried flaking obsidian and even with a hammerstone I could not consistently detach a flake.

The course is definitely a good idea and if there was an intermediate course offered I would take it. I would even take this course again if given the chance.

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