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Advanced U.S. Coin Grading and Problem Coins

EPISODE 1

Welcome to Advanced U.S. Coin Grading:
A Course Introduction

CLASS ORIGIN

Advanced US Coin Grading and Problem Coins has been offered for many years at the ANA's Summer Seminar. A continuum of classes are offered, starting with beginning grading and intermediate grading. Advanced grading is taken by those who have conquered the first two courses and are looking for a more challenging analysis of grading. The goal of the course is to explore more advanced grading principles, specifically focusing on circulated grades such as Mint State (MS) and expensive coins.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Episode 1: Welcome to Advanced U.S. Coin Grading & Problem Coins
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Episode 2: How Did We Get Here?
A Review and History of Grading

Episode 3: Grading Service Know-how
Different Grading Services

Episode 4: To Be or Not To Be?
Counterfeit Awareness

Episode 5: Ready, Set, Grade...
Determining Grading Skills

Episode 6: Grading with Don Ketterling
Professor Insight

Episode 7: Grading with Jeff Garrett
Professor Insight

Episode 8: In the Eye of the Beholder
Eye Appeal

Episode 9: Let the Games Begin
Competition Day

Episode 10: Practice Makes Perfect
Course Summary & Tracking a Student's Growth

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MEET THE INSTRUCTORS

Together, Jeff, Don, and Ken have over 140 years of experience in coin grading.

JEFF GARRETT

- Rare coin dealer and author from Lexington, KY
- 4th year teaching Advanced US Coin Grading and Problem Coins
- Started collecting around 8 years old
- First involved with the ANA in 1974, when he won a YN scholarship
- As a teenager, worked at local coin shops
- Finished high school in 1976 and officially began his professional career
- He found his calling in his ability to grade
- Currently maintains 40-50 years of experience

DON KETTERLING

- Professional coin dealer and Numismatic Consultant from Reno, Nevada
- Has been teaching Advanced US Coin Grading and Problem Coins for over 10 years
- He has lived and experienced the evolution of grading
- Began collecting Buffalo Nickels during the Eisenhower Administration, often trading the lunch lady at school Jefferson Nickels for Buffalo Nickels
- At 14, began gaining professional experience at a coin shop
- After returning from Military Service, has worked as a coin professional for over 45 years

KEN PARK

- 4th year teaching Advanced US Coin Grading and Problem Coins
- Started his career at PCGS, first working for 2 years as a grader and returning a few years later to eventually become their Director of World Coin Grading
- After working for PCGS, he went on to create and run his own company
- His expertise is in US Coins and World Coins

COIN OF THE EPISODE

KEY INFORMATION

Copper Coin Designations

Red	RD	Shiny red copper coins
Red Brown	RB	Brown toning on top of red
Brown	BN	Mostly brown

COIN 1 1909-S Indian Cent

Nice luster, a little dull in high points
MS 64 RB



COIN 2 1909 Indian Cent

Blazing luster, almost mark free surfaces
MS 66 RD



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