

## **Human Origins**

Archaeology 131

Section: d100

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Discussion Topics: Covers basic concepts relating to the origin, evolution and biological nature of the human species.

In Archaeology 131 we will explore the fundamental principles of the evolution and biological adaptation of our own species, Homo sapiens. We will look at evolutionary theory: through genetics and the diversity of modern human populations, through the fossil record of human physical evolution, to a study of behaviours and physical traits we share with other primates. Lastly, we will look at how paleoanthropologists interpret and reconstruct the biological and cultural adaptation of our earliest hominid ancestors.

Grading: Quiz #1 20%

Quiz #2 20%

Term Paper 30% (in class)

Final Exam 30%

Term paper is due in class. Quizzes and midterms missed for valid reasons will be written during the final examination week or at the convenience of the instructor

Required Texts: Jurmain, Robert, Lynn Kilgore and Wendy Trevathan 2005

Introduction to Physical Anthropology, 10th edition. Wadsworth Publishing Company.  
(Available in the textbook store - note edition number if purchasing a used copy)

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: none

Notes: Deferred Grades: Only given on basis of authenticated medical disability

This course may be applied toward the Certificate in Liberal Arts (Set 10).

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