

Human Origins

Archaeology 131

Section: D100

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Instructor: Fall 1999
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Lecture times: Monday 14:30 - 16:20 and Wednesday 12:30 - 13:20

Discussion Topics: Course Description:

A non-technical survey of the primate background of humans, fossil primates and fossil humans and the associated evidence of cultural development. An introduction to physical anthropology. Emphasis is placed on understanding variation in human physical differences in space and time including evolutionary changes, growth patterns and geographic variation.

Weekly Lecture Sequence (from text):

1. Evolutionary Perspectives on Human Biology and Behaviour
2. Genetics and Evolution by Natural Selection
3. Populations, Species and Evolution
4. Stages in Vertebrate Evolution
5. Introduction to Primates: Origins and Evolution
6. Primates: Patterns in Social Behaviour

Mid-term

7. Introduction to Hominoids
8. Australopithecines
9. The Genus Homo
10. Evolution of Hominoid and Human Behaviour
11. Human Biology and Variation
12. The Human Life Cycle: Human Biology, Growth and Adaptability
13. The Modern Human Condition in Evolutionary Perspective: Applied Biological Anthropology

Grading: Course Construction and Evaluation:

The class meets three hours a week for formal lecture. In addition to attendance at lectures, the students will be required to write a mid-term exam (35%), a final exam (35%) and a paper (30%) on an approved topic. The final exam does not cover materials tested in the mid-term. Books on library reserve will serve as sources of ideas for students' papers.

Required Texts: Boaz, Noel T. and Alan J. Almquist 1999 Essentials of Biological Anthropology Prentice Hall, Canada Paperback

Recommended Texts: none

Materials/Supplies: none

Prerequisite/Corequisite: none

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Notes: All assignments must be completed on time; failure to meet a deadline requires explanation as well as a letter of explanation from a doctor. Extensions and deferrals may be given in cases of genuine hardship.

This is a lecture course with no tutorials.

Deferred grades will only be given on the basis of authenticated medical disability.

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