

## **Human Origins**

Archaeology 131

Section: E100

Term: 2004 Summer

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

In ARCH 131-3 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, the diversity of modern human populations, the fossil record of human physical evolution, the study of behaviours, and the 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: 10%

Web Evaluation Project: 10%

Midterm Exam: 25%

Term Paper: 25%

Final Exam: 30%

Term paper is due in class. Quizzes and missed exams, for valid reasons, will be written at the convenience of the instructor.

Required Texts: Jurmain, Robert, Harry Nelson, Lynn Kilgore, and Wenda Trevathan. 2002. *Introduction to Physical Anthropology*, 9th edition. Wadsworth Publishing Company. Paperback (Available in the textbook store- note edition number if purchasing a used copy)

Recommended Texts: none

Materials/Supplies: none

Prerequisite/Corequisite:

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

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

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