

Human Origins

Archaeology 131

Section: D100

Term: 2004 Spring

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Day class

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

In Archaeology 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 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	10%	(January 29)
Paper Outline	5%	(February 10)
Midterm Exam	25%	(February 19)
Term Paper	30%	(March 25 in class)
Final Exam	30%	(Exam week)

Term paper is due in class. Quizzes and midterms missed for valid reasons will be written during 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 \210 note edition number if purchasing a used

Recommended Texts: none

Materials/Supplies: none

Prerequisite/Corequisite: none

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

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

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