

## **Human Origins**

Archaeology 131

Section: D900

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Discussion Topics:

This course is designed to be an introduction to biological anthropology and palaeoanthropology: the sciences that address human biological and cultural evolution.

It will include 5 major sections:

- 1/ an introduction to the history of this area of research and an examination of the fundamentals of evolutionary theory and genetics;
- 2/ an introduction to the basic primate condition: primate evolution and modern primate adaptations;
- 3/ an examination of the fossil record of human evolution from pre-hominin primates through to the emergence of modern humans (this will be paralleled by an abridged survey of the development of material culture and technology);
- 4/ a close examination of when, where, and how modern humans appeared, and
- 5/ an examination of modern human variation and adaptation

Grading: Midterm #1    30%  
Midterm #2    35%  
Final Exam    35%

Required Texts: John Steckley. 2011. Introduction to Physical Anthropology. Oxford University

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Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: None

Notes:

Breadth: Social Sciences/Science

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