

Human Origins

Archaeology 131

Section: D900

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Discussion Topics: This course is an introduction to biological anthropology, the study of humanity's evolutionary past and biological present. Students will learn about:

- \x09 the history of the discipline and how biological anthropologists work in the field and laboratory;
- \x09 the principles of genetics and evolution;
- \x09 the place of humans in the natural world and the diversity of primates biologically and behaviorally;
- \x09 the theories, fossils, and material culture that have contributed to our historic and current understanding of hominid evolution;
- \x09 the emergence of modern humans and the current diversity of humans biologically; bioarchaeology and forensic anthropology.

Grading: Midterm I Exam 25%

Midterm II Exam 25%

Article Review 20%

Final Exam 30%

Required Texts: Stanford, C., J. Allen, S. Antón and N. Lovell. 2009. *Biological Anthropology: the natural history of humankind*. Toronto: Pearson/Prentice Hall.

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite: None

Notes: Breadth: Social Sciences/Science

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