

Human Origins

Archaeology 131

Section: d100

Term: 2008 Spring

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Discussion Topics: This course aims to provide an introduction to the molecular, morphological and behavioural evidence for human evolution, as well as to the ways in which this evidence is analysed and interpreted with the framework of Darwinian theory. Among the topics we will consider are humanity's relationships with the other primates, the identity of the earliest hominid, and the locomotor and dietary strategies of the australopithecines. We will also look at the initial spread of humans from Africa into Eurasia about 1.8 Ma, the rise and fall of the Neanderthals, and the on-going controversy over the origins of modern humans.

Grading: Course grading will be based on a midterm exam, a final exam and an article review.

Required Texts: "Principles of Human Evolution (Second Edition)" Roger Lewin and Robert Foley
2003 Blackwell 0632047046

Recommended Texts: none

Materials/Supplies: none

Prerequisite/Corequisite: none

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

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