

Paleoanthropology

Archaeology 385

Section: d100

Term: 2007 Fall

Instructor: Dr Mark Skinner

Discussion Topics: The relationship between culture and biology in prehistoric human evolution. The recognition and critical evaluation of the significance of the similarities and differences among fossil human types.

The class meets five hours a week for formal lecture and lab (compulsory attendance). There are assigned readings, weekly, (mostly from the text) with short discussion afterwards. In addition to attendance at lectures the students will be required to write a 2 hour mid-term exam (25%), a 3 hour final exam (25%) and a paper (25%) on an approved topic. The lab assignments are worth 25% in total; these latter will each be marked on a 0,1,2,3 scale. Expect 2ís if you do good work and 3ís only for exceptional lab work. The final exam will NOT cover materials tested in the mid-term. Both exams will be constructed from short essays, define or match terms, and true/false (wrongs subtracted from rights to neutralize guessing). All exams will cover materials from the text and assigned readings (whether or not discussed in class).

Grading: Mid Term 25%

Labs Assignments 25%

Paper 25%

Final Exam 25%

Required Texts: Conroy GC 2005 Reconstructing Human Origins (Second Ed). NY: WW Norton

Recommended Texts: none

Materials/Supplies: none

Prerequisite/Corequisite: Arch 131 and 272

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

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