

## **Human Origins**

Archaeology 131

Section: d100

Term: 2006 Spring

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**Discussion Topics:** A non-technical survey of the primate background of humans, fossil primates and fossil humans, and the associated evidence of cultural development. An introduction to physical anthropology. Emphasis is placed on understanding variation in human physical differences in space and time including evolutionary changes, growth patterns and geographic variation.

**Grading:** In addition to attendance at lectures the students will be required to write a mid-term exam (35%), a final exam (35%) and a paper (30%) on an approved topic. Students will be required to submit an electronic form of their essay as well as a paper copy. The final exam does not cover materials tested in the mid-term. Books on reserve will serve as sources of ideas for student papers

**Required Texts:** Robert Jurmain, Lynn Kilgore, Wenda Trevathan, Harry Nelson. 2003 (or later edition). Introduction to Physical Anthropology (Ninth Edition). Thomson (Wadsworth). ISBN 0-534-58788-7

**Recommended Texts:**

**Materials/Supplies:**

**Prerequisite/Corequisite:**

**Notes:** This is a lecture course with NO tutorials.

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

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

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