ANT 2511H-0201

Human Species

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Course Description: The focus of this course is a general overview of biological or physical anthropology. We will be using many lines of evidence to form a holistic picture of human evolution. In the first section of the course we will examine the processes of evolution and other important background concepts. During the second section we will examine our non-human primate relatives to see what they can tell us about ourselves as humans. Finally in the last section we will study the human fossil and archaeological records, and the spectrum of variation found in modern humanity.

Course Goals

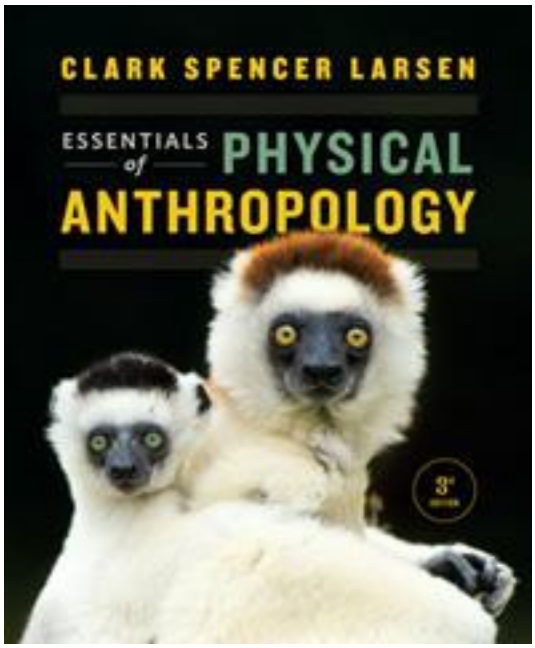
- Provide an overview of the major areas of biological anthropology.
- Provide an overview of the history of evolutionary thought and discuss the contributions of Darwin.
- Provide an overview of modern genetics and evolutionary forces.
- Provide an overview of the living primates.
- Provide an overview of human evolution.
- Provide an overview of modern human variation and adaptation

Who should take this course?

This course is a requirement for undergraduate Anthropology majors and minors and it satisfies the General Education Program (GEP) requirement for Science Foundations. If you are taking this class because you feel it

is an easy GEP option you are mistaken and should drop this course. Physical anthropology is every bit a "hard" science as physics or chemistry. You should drop this class if you do not plan to attend regularly and pay attention during class hours.

Class Text:
Essentials of Physical Anthropology 3nd Edition, by Clark Larsen.
Available at various bookstores or BUY THE EBOOK VIA THE ONLINE LINK IN WEBCOURSES!



KNOW YOUR PID!

I use scantrons for all tests and quizzes. These are graded by computer, and the only way the computer knows who you are is through your PID number (that's the one with a letter followed by 7 numbers). **If you don't know it, you can't get a grade!**

Your grade in this course will be based out of **500** total points. You can calculate your grade by dividing the total number of points you have earned by the total points possible. Grades on individual tests and quizzes will only be posted online through Canvas.

Three Midterm Exams – 225 points (75 points each)
There will be 3 exams during the semester. Each exam will consist of True/False and Multiple Choice questions. You must bring a RED scantron and a #2 pencil.

Final Exam – 100 points
The exam will not be cumulative and will only cover material discussed since the third exam. It will consist of True/False and Multiple Choice questions. The final exam will be held in our regular classroom at the time scheduled by the university.

Four Announced Quizzes – 40 points (10 points each)
There will be 5 announced quizzes worth 10 points for a total of 50 points. You must bring a RED scantron sheet and a pencil.

Inquizitive Homework Assignments – 60 points
These homework exercises prepared by the textbook publisher are designed to complement the online modules to enhance student comprehension and retention.

Primate Project - 75 points
Each student will research a primate and present his/her findings to the class. The project and rubric will be introduced the second week of class once drop/add has ended and the rolls stabilized.

Extra Credit Opportunities:

Pop Quizzes – 20 points (5 at 4 points each).
Given the size of this class, I do not take attendance. Pop quizzes are my way of rewarding student attendance and participation. There will be three unannounced pop quizzes during the semester. **THESE WILL USE A RED SCANTRON! CONSEQUENTLY YOU MUST ALWAYS COME TO CLASS WITH A RED SCANTRON AND A PENCIL.** Scantrons submitted in some colors of pen won't be graded by the machine, and you'll get a 0. Quiz answers written on notebook paper, napkins, your hand, pages ripped out of the book, etc. will not be accepted and you'll get a 0. **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS! Moreover, there will be no make ups for pop quizzes.** Only if you are in class will you get the chance for extra credit.

Blood Donation/Food drive (5 points)
These are important causes to me. Anyone who donates blood and provides me with the documentation they give you will receive 5 extra credit points. If you are unable or unwilling to donate or register, you may bring in non-perishable food items toward the end of the semester (more on this to come). **Sorry, you can't do all of the above! It's only 5 points per customer regardless.**

Grading Scheme Used For Final Grades:
The +/- system will be used in this course. These percentages correspond to the following letter grades:

A = 470 or more	C+ = 385-399
A- = 450-469	C = 370-384
B+ = 435-449	C- = 350-369
B = 420-434	D+ = 335-349
B- = 400-419	D = 320-334
	D- = 300-319
	F = 299 or less

Individual exams and quizzes will not be curved. Neither will the overall course distribution.

CLASSROOM POLICIES

Notes: This is a note-intensive course. The textbook is an excellent resource, and much of what I cover is discussed there, but tests and quizzes are based primarily on lectures. Furthermore, I do not post notes or PowerPoint slides online. I also do not release my slides to anyone for any reason, even if your absence is excused. I rightly expect every student to come to class, pay attention, and take good notes. If you don't like this arrangement, then I suggest that you drop this class and sign up for the online version of Human Species the next time it's offered.

Study guides: I will prepare and distribute a study guide in advance of each exam. Everything that will be on the exam will be listed on the study guide. If you use your notes to familiarize yourself with the material on the study guide, then you will do very well in this class.

Exams: To minimize disruptions, if you do not arrive within 10 minutes of the start of class on exam day, **you will not be seated for the exam**. I will direct you to the Anthropology office where you will take a different exam.

Make-up Exams: If there is an unforeseen emergency and you will not be able to take an exam or announced quiz, it is critical that you notify me immediately via phone or email. DON'T PLAN ON WALTZING INTO CLASS THE WEEK AFTER THE EXAM WITH SOME EXCUSE ABOUT WHY YOU MISSED IT.

I will not allow make-up exams without a valid excuse and I will require documentation supporting your story—NO EXCEPTIONS. The only acceptable form of documentation for illness is a doctor's statement. Proof of personal or family emergency can consist of a police report, a deceased's obituary, a towing or garage invoice, police report, or other form I deem acceptable. Any make-up exam or quiz will take a different form than the original. All make-ups will have at least one short answer section as well as an essay component. **Except in extraordinary cases approved by me, all makeup exams must be completed within 3 business days of the scheduled exam time.**

Exam discussions: I will not go over completed exams during class times. Also, I will retain all of the exams and none will be returned. However, I encourage every one of you to make-an appointment with a me or a TA and we will gladly go over your exams with you on an individual basis.

Announced quizzes: To minimize disruption, all quizzes will be administered toward the end of class. As with exams, I will not allow make-up quizzes without a valid excuse and I will require documentation of your absence.

Scantron Issues: If you fail to complete the scantron properly or submit a crumpled or damaged scantron your assignment will not be graded by the machine and a zero will appear in your Canvas grades page. If this happens to you, contact a TA IMMEDIATELY to arrange a time to meet them, find your scantron, and correct the error. **YOU HAVE ONE WEEK FROM THE DAY THE GRADE WAS POSTED TO CLEAR UP THE MATTER. LAST MINUTE REQUESTS FOR HAND GRADING OF SCANTRONS WILL NOT BE HONORED.**

Other grade disputes: If you feel that your grade on a test or assignment is inaccurate or an error has occurred, it is YOUR responsibility to contact a TA within one week of the posting of the grade. Late requests or claims for a grade change will not be honored.

Academic Dishonesty: Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated. If you are uncertain as to what constitutes academic dishonesty, please consult The Golden Rule, the University of Central Florida's Student Handbook (http://www.goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/) for further details. As in all University courses, The Golden Rule Rules of Conduct will be applied. Violations of these rules will result in a record of the infraction being placed in your file and receiving a zero on the work in question AT A MINIMUM, and you will also receive the "Z" designation on your final grade. At the instructor's discretion, you may also receive a failing grade for the course. Confirmation of such incidents can also result in expulsion from the University

Special needs students: I am pleased to assist those students need additional accommodation. However, you MUST present me with documentation from Student Disability Services that verifies your needs. ANY REQUEST FOR SPECIAL ACCOMODATION THAT IS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY SUCH DOCUMENTATION WILL NOT BE HONORED.

Classroom etiquette:

1. Plan to be on time. When students gradually filter in, it disturbs the entire class.
2. Plan to stay for the duration, for the same reason.
3. Phones, etc. must be turned off. I will find a way to embarrass you if your ring tone interrupts my lecture.
4. Watching movies, playing games, fooling around on Facebook, etc. on your laptop during lecture is distracting to those around you. Kindly refrain and use your technology for the real reasons you lug it around to class.

Final grades: Some things in life are certain. Death. Taxes. Students coming to professors at the end of the semester to beg for extra credit because they aren't going to get the grade they want.

Do not approach me to ask if there is anything you can do to help your grade. I do not make individual allowances to anyone—it simply is not fair. If you are doing poorly in the class you need to see me early in the semester so we can discuss ways to improve your study habits and effectiveness taking exams.