Course Syllabus

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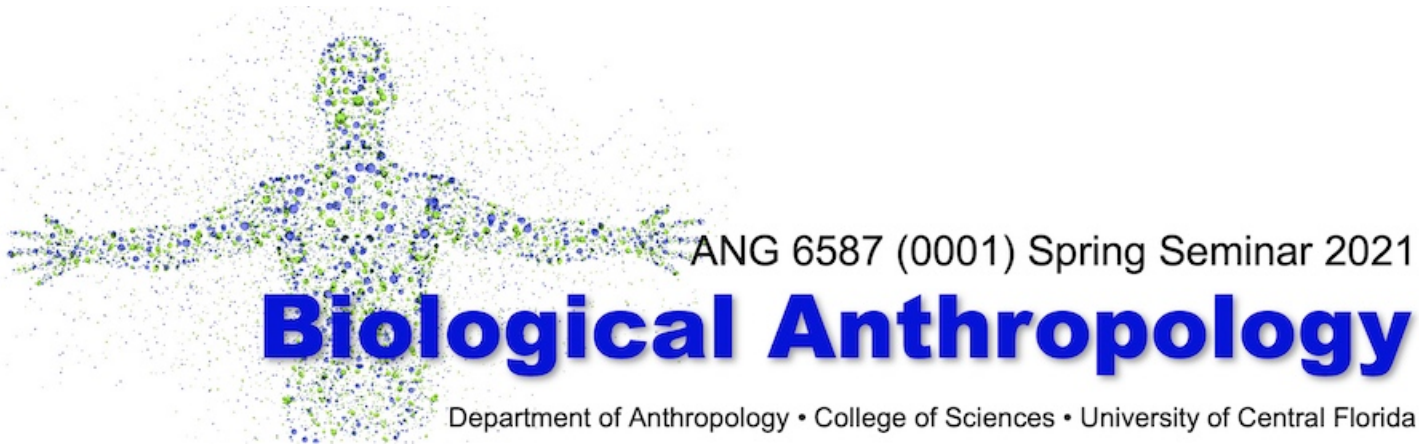

Course Information

Course name:	Seminar in Biological Anthropology
Course ID:	ANG 6587 (0001)
Credit hours:	3.0 hours
Semester/year:	Spring 2021
Location & time:	Wednesday 6:00-8:50pm in NSC 117

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University Catalog Description

Topics in biological anthropology including focus on human biological variation and adaptation. **Prerequisites:** Admission to Anthropology MA or CI.

What is this course about?

This course is designed as an academic working group, exploring current theoretical constructs, ongoing debates, and and empirical findings in contemporary research on human evolution and the biological basis for human diversity and behavior. Using analytical discussion as our foundation, we will examine many of the major questions and issues facing biological anthropologists today.

Considering the multidisciplinary nature of biological anthropology, this course will focus on the following key areas of inquiry:

- Development of evolutionary perspectives, Darwinism and modern synthetic theories
- Molecular genomics, population and behavioral genetics and evolutionary forces
- Human and primate behavioral and cognitive evolution
- Functional and adaptive nature of human diversity and biological variation
- Evolutionary, physiological and behavioral transitions in human reproduction and the life course
- Evolutionary and contemporary biocultural perspectives on human health, including nutrition and adaptive immunity

What skills will I develop in this course?

Emphasis is placed on developing the analytical skills necessary to evaluate scientific literature and theoretical foundations of the evolutionary and adaptive significance of biological diversity in human populations.

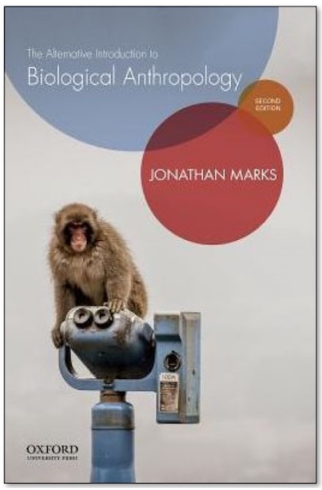
After successful completing this course, you should be able to:

- Speak knowledgeably about core theoretical concepts that are fundamental to biological anthropology, including their historical development.
- Explore new and unfamiliar problems and techniques in biological anthropology with confidence

using a 'first principles' approach.
- Integrate empirical evidence relevant to the human experience in evolutionary history, our biological diversity and social-environmental ecology.
- Produce high-quality writing addressing specific points in research design, methodological applications, or context and use of empirical evidence.
- Present information and engage in scholarly dialogues with colleagues and critically reflect on the generation and dissemination of that knowledge.
- Actively contribute to a better understanding of biological anthropology through group interaction and discussion.

What textbooks will I need?

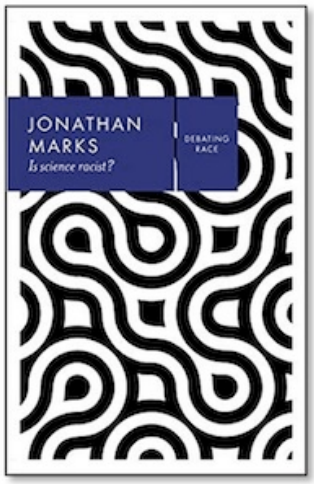
The following **required textbooks** will be used as an introductory reader and focus topic for the course. All additional assigned readings will be accessible through course module content in WebCourses@UCF.



The Alternative Introduction to Biological Anthropology

Author: J. Marks
Edition: **2nd edition**
Year: 2018
Publisher: Oxford University Press
ISBN: 9780190490997

Available in paperback, eBook and rental formats



Is Science Racist?

Author: J. Marks
Edition: 1st edition
Year: 2017
Publisher: Polity
ISBN: 9780745689227

Available in paperback and eBook formats

What is WebCourses@UCF?

WebCourses@UCF is an online course management system accessed through [my.ucf.edu (http://my.ucf.edu)](http://my.ucf.edu) and then the “Online Course Tools” tab. This is your learning forum and will be

used to deliver your course content, submit your assignments and communicate with your professor and peers in the course. **Knight's Online (https://cdl.ucf.edu/support/student/knights-online/)** has excellent resources to assist you in being successful when working in a combined face-to-face and online learning environment. Key components to success in this course are planning your time and maintaining academic self-discipline in class attendance and course work throughout the term.

It is **your responsibility to familiarize yourself with WebCourses** online learning platform. I have provided you with the necessary tools and tutorial links in the **COURSE INTRO: Things You Should Know**, which can be accessed using the embedded link or the 'Modules' button in the course menu on the left. If this is your first time working in WebCourses or if you haven't worked in WebCourses for a term or two, I highly **recommend reviewing the current tutorial links** provided in the COURSE INTRO module. It's amazing how many changes take place in just one term!

How should I plan my course work schedule?

This course explores the many aspects of biological anthropology through evolution, human genomics, and human biological diversity– areas of study which may be unfamiliar to many of you. While I can provide general guidelines based on past students experiences, everyone learns at a different pace, and you will need to decide how much time to set aside to be successful. Your study skills, prior knowledge of the subject, study environment, personal obligations and responsibilities play a huge role in learning and success in any course, Generally, the more time you spend on a course, the better you will do, but the **quality of the time spent is even more important.**

During the next 14 weeks of the Spring 2021 term, you should expect to spend the **three hours of class time each week discussing assigned readings, taking notes, and participating in class activities.** You should also plan on setting aside a minimum of **three-to-five hours each week to complete your assigned reading and work through required assignments**. This will greatly assist you in keeping up with the materials and course due dates each week, but keep in mind, these are 'estimates' of time that you should devote to this 6000-level course. All due dates for assignments are located in the table at the end of this syllabus.

Is the course accessible for students with disabilities?

UCF is committed to providing access and inclusion for all persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who need access to course content due to course design limitations should contact the professor as soon as possible. Students should also connect with **Student Accessibility Services (http://sas.sdes.ucf.edu/)** (Ferrell Commons, 7F, Room 185, **sas@ucf.edu (mailto:sas@ucf.edu)** , phone (407) 823-2371, TTY/TDD only phone (407) 823-2116).

For students connected with SAS, a Course Accessibility Letter may be created and sent to professors, which informs faculty of potential course access and accommodations that might be

necessary and reasonable. Determining reasonable access and accommodations requires consideration of the course design, course learning objectives and the individual academic and course barriers experienced by the student. Further conversation with SAS, faculty and the student may be warranted to ensure an accessible course experience.

If you receive a Course Accessibility Letter through SAS, please feel free to speak with me about any related concerns. It is always best if we can speak early about the possible need for any accessibility modifications to exams or assignments, and I will happily work with you and SAS to ensure that your needs are reasonably met in a timely fashion. **If your approved accommodations include a specialized environment or equipment for testing, it is your responsibility to make the necessary arrangements to write your exams** within the SAS facilities.

What are the course requirements?

The Spring 2021 semester classes begin on **JAN 11, 2021** and end on **APR 26, 2021,** with a **required** final assessment class on **APR 28, 2021.** Over this period, you will be expected to:

- submit responses in a university-required academic activity to start the course;
- complete weekly assigned reading and keep a weekly notes journal;
- participate in weekly online forums and in-class discussions;
- write 10 short critical reaction papers and participate in peer reviews of written work.

In each learning module, you will find an **INTRODUCTION page** outlining the expectations, readings, activities and assignments for that week of the course. The modules contain your readings, assignments, and any links to information websites. Modules also contain tools on reading and writing effectively, critical analysis, and research topic suggestions to assist you in preparing for class discussions and completing your assignments. All written work submitted online for grading **will be evaluated for academic integrity** during the grading process.

All graded work is due on an assigned schedule. A missed or late assignment will not be accepted for grading unless there is an approved and valid, verifiable excuse (see section below on missed assignments). You are notified of this policy from the start, and you should recognize that it is **your responsibility to be aware of all due dates** for this course.

How do I get started in the course?

After reading the Course Syllabus, click on the 'Modules' button in the menu on the left to access the course materials. You will need to review all of the information in the **COURSE INTRO: Things You Should Know,** which includes an introduction to your professor, details about course communication and office hours, computer set-up and/or use of mobile devices, details about the academic integrity policy, and who to contact for technical assistance. You will also find some helpful suggestions on study strategies and a few tips from previous students on how to be successful in the course. If you

have not already done so, **please obtain the required textbooks as soon as possible.**

UCF faculty are required to document all students' academic activity at the beginning of each course. In order to meet this requirement, please submit your initial online forum contribution in **FORUM 1: Validating Science?** in MODULE 1 by **05:00pm EST** on **JAN 15, 2021**, or as soon as possible after adding the course to avoid any **delay in the disbursement of your financial aid or graduate funding.**

How will I be evaluated and graded?

Your final grade for the course is weighted and will be based on your performance on the following:

Forum contributions (10 points each week)	140 points	20% of final grade
Critical reaction papers (10 points each paper)	100 points	40% of final grade
Participation:		
• Weekly notes journal (5 points each class)	70 points	20% of final grade
• Active attendance (5 points each class)	70 points	10% of final grade
• Peer review process (5 points each paper)	50 points	10% of final grade

You will be evaluated on your ability to define and critically apply terms, identify and explain theoretical concepts, present information in a professional manner, and demonstrate critical thinking and reflection in your assignments and class discussions.

- **Forum contributions:** You will need to participate in weekly online discussion forums to prepare for seminar discussions in class. In each forum, you will post an initial response to a provided discussion prompt and a follow-up response to a posting by at least one of your seminar colleagues. On average, forum contributions should take **about 30 minutes** to complete.
- **Critical reaction papers:** These short papers are designed to help you think critically about, articulate, and reflect on key concepts related to biological anthropology and current issues presented in course materials. Each paper includes a thoughtful and constructive critique that references required readings and outside sources not included in the course. On average, you should expect to spend **approximately 2 hours** writing and editing your paper prior to submission.
- **Weekly notes journal:** You will need to complete and submit a 'Note-Taking for Journal Articles' form for each assigned article. This process is intended to help you summarize and formulate your own discussion points and questions in preparation for forum contributions and in-class discussions. You should expect to spend at least 10 minutes taking notes per assigned article, or **about 1 hour** per week.

- **Active attendance:** You will need to fully participate in weekly in-class discussion using your notes on assigned readings. Active attendance means that you are prepared, present in the discussion, and proactive (and polite) when engaging in scholarly discourse. This is **a self-graded response** in fairly and responsibly evaluating your participation and should take **about 5 minutes** to complete..
- **Peer review process:** A portion of your participation grade is based on completing peer reviews of critical summary papers written by your seminar colleagues. You are expected to provide feedback on structure, organization and critical thinking in each review. On average, you should expect to spend **approximately 30-45 minutes** reading and writing review comments each week that a paper is submitted.

The following +/- grading scale will be used in this course:

Letter Grade	Percentage	Letter Grade	Percentage
A (Excellent)	95 - 100%	C+	77 - 79%
A-	90 - 94%	C (Satisfactory)	74 - 76%
B+	87 - 89%	C-	70 - 73%
B (Good)	84 - 86%	D (Marginal)	60 - 69%
B-	80 - 83%	F (Failing)	59% or less

Incomplete grades for this course are only given in situations where **unexpected and documented medical or family emergencies prevent an enrolled student in good standing** from completing the remaining work. Your instructor is the final authority on whether you qualify for an incomplete grade. Incomplete work must be finished by the end of the subsequent semester or the 'I' grade will automatically be recorded as an 'F' on your transcript.

NOTE: As per UCF rules, any grade below a B- in a graduate course **does count** toward your GPA but **does not count** toward completion of the degree program.

How do I view my grades?

You can access your grades for assignments through the 'Grades' link in the course menu on the left. It is **your responsibility to regularly check on your grades** throughout the course. Please allow for a reasonable amount of time to pass for the grading process to occur. In most instances, participation and forum contribution grades will be available within five-to-seven days after the final due date. For critical summary papers, grades will be available within seven-to-ten days after the final due date. When a score is released, you will receive an announcement that grades have been posted (unmuted) and are ready for your review.

When an assignment score is posted, you will receive an announcement that grades have been released (unmuted). You should receive constructive feedback on your work periodically throughout

the term. This may take the form of an Inbox message, peer-review comments, or suggestions to improve your work in SpeedGrader and/or overall class feedback in announcements. If you have any questions about your score **after a grade has been released**, please notify me using WebCourses Inbox, and I will address the concern as soon as possible. Questions regarding individual scores must be addressed **within one week of the grade being released**.

What if I miss a class discussion or assignment due date?

Time management, problem solving, responsibility and personal accountability are among the most important habits that you can refine in a graduate program. **You are expected to attend every class meeting and participate in all class activities.** However, we must all still carry on with life outside of coursework - some of you may have employment of family obligations that, upon unforeseen circumstances, may require you to miss a class. You are responsible for consulting the department Graduate Coordinator in cases of illness, family emergency or other personal difficulties that constitute extended absence (e.g., two or more consecutive weeks).

To be fair to everyone in the course, **only work submitted on time will be graded unless late submission is properly approved**. It is your responsibility to check the course schedule for assignment and exam due dates.

- Unforeseen events or circumstances may occur that cause a student to miss class or fall behind in their assignments. These could include **illness, bereavement, family emergency, accident, or a catastrophic event** such as fire. If such issues arise, students are encouraged to **notify their instructor** as soon as possible in order to apprise them of the circumstances and to develop a plan, with a timetable, to make up missed coursework. Family members and/or students also need to contact **Student Care Services (https://scs.sdes.ucf.edu/services/)** with appropriate documentation to obtain a courtesy class absence notification letter for online, mixed-mode and face-to-face courses.
- If you find yourself in a situation where you are **going to miss an exam due date**, you must **notify your instructor** as soon as possible by telephone, e-mail, in person, or by leaving a message with the department secretary (407-823-2227) **in advance** of the class meeting time. You must also provide valid, verifiable documentation explaining your absence. If you are provided the opportunity to take a make-up exam, it must be scheduled and completed **within five days of the missed seminar meeting date** (if medically possible).

Are there accommodations for military and essential workers or authorized events?

The following authorized absences with valid notification will receive reasonable accommodations for

make-up work in this course:

- Students who are **deployed active duty military** and/or **National Guard personnel** and require accommodation should **contact their instructors** as soon as possible after the semester begins and/or as soon as they receive notification of deployment to make related arrangements.
- Students who are **active emergency first-responders, medical staff, or essential workers** and require accommodation should **contact their instructors** as soon as possible after the semester begins and/or after they receive notification of extended responsibilities during emergency management/pandemic situations to make related arrangements.
- Students who **represent the university in an authorized event or activity** (for example, student-athletes) and who are unable to meet a course deadline due to a conflict with that event must provide the instructor with **documentation in advance** to arrange a make-up. No penalty will be applied. For more information, see the **UCF policy (https://policies.ucf.edu/documents/4-401.pdf)** .
- Students intending to miss class to **observe a holy or remembrance day** of their religious faith must **notify their instructor in advance** if they intend to miss class. For more information, see the **UCF policy (http://regulations.ucf.edu/chapter5/documents/5.020ReligiousObservancesFINALJan19.pdf)** .

What are the COVID-related requirements at UCF?

University-Wide Face-Covering Policy

To protect members of our community, **everyone is required (https://policies.ucf.edu/documents/PolicyEmergencyCOVIDReturnPolicy.pdf) to wear a facial covering inside all common spaces** including classrooms. Students who choose not to wear facial coverings will be asked to leave the classroom by the instructor. If they refuse to leave the classroom or put on a facial covering, they may be considered disruptive (please see **Golden Rule (https://goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/)** for student behavior expectations). Faculty have the right to cancel class if the safety and well-being of class members are in jeopardy. Students will be responsible for the material that would have been covered in class as provided by the instructor.

Notice of Changes to Course Modality

Depending on the course of the pandemic during the semester, the university may make changes to the way classes are offered. If that happens, please look for **Announcements** or messages in Webcourses@UCF or Knights email about changes specific to this course.

Illness Notifications

Students who believe they may have a COVID diagnosis should contact UCF Student Health Services (407-823-2509) so proper contact tracing procedures can take place. Students **should not**

come to campus if they:

- are ill and/or experiencing any symptoms of COVID.
- have tested positive for COVID, or if anyone living in their residence has tested positive or is sick with COVID symptoms.

Students should contact their instructor(s) as soon as possible if they miss class for any illness reason to discuss reasonable adjustments that might need to be made. When possible, students should contact their instructor(s) before missing class.

If the instructor falls ill during the semester, there may be changes to this course, including having a backup instructor take over the course. Please look for **Announcements** or mail in Webcourses@UCF or Knights email for any alterations to this course.

Accessibility COVID Supplement

Accommodations may need to be added or adjusted should this course shift in format or scheduling due to COVID pandemic conditions. Students with disabilities should speak with their instructor and should contact **sas@ucf.edu (mailto:sas@ucf.edu)** to discuss specific accommodations for this or other courses if this occurs.

Flexibility and Accountability

I recognize and understand the difficult times we are all in. The COVID-19 pandemic impacts us all in many ways, including physical, mental, emotional, financial, academic, and professional. For that reason, **I will work with all of you to accommodate any challenges you may be encountering and to provide the tools and support necessary for you to succeed**. I will also understand the necessity of prioritizing other aspects of your life and will work with you to make the best decisions regarding your success in this course. However, **this does not mean that I will not hold you accountable**, especially in terms of class attendance, participation, and contributions. Therefore, I ask that you **inform me in writing** (via email or WebCourses Inbox message) of any class absences and/or missed or late assignments impacted by the challenges faced in this pandemic.

What academic support resources are available to me?

UCF provides many offices and services to support your academic success. There are several **Online Resources to Support Academic Success** available to all UCF students regardless of your location or the type of course in which you are enrolled. These include:

- **Writing help** from the **University Writing Center (http://uwc.cah.ucf.edu/)**, such as downloadable writing and style guides, online writing consultations, and online scheduling for peer tutor review.
- **Tutoring and study help** from the **Student Academic Resource Center (http://sarconline.sdes.ucf.edu/)** (SARC), such as 24/7 tools for study, online peer assisted

learning, and online academic success workshops.

- **Access to software** through UCF apps (https://apps.ucf.edu/), for programs you need for your courses, such as SPSS, Office 365, and others.
- **Concrete study actions** to better your performance through the Successful You Video Series (https://vimeopro.com/cdlvideo/successful-you), so you can avoid undesirable academic outcomes.

What non-academic support resources are available to me?

During your UCF career, you may experience challenges including struggles with academics, finances, or your personal well-being. UCF has a multitude of resources available to all students. Please visit UCFCares.com (http://ucfcares.com) if you are seeking resources and support, or if you are worried about a friend or classmate.

Free services and information are included for a variety of student concerns, including but not limited to alcohol use, bias incidents, mental health concerns, and financial challenges. You can also e-mail ucfcares@ucf.edu (mailto:ucfcares@ucf.edu) with questions or for additional assistance. You can reach a UCF Cares staff member between 08:00am EST and 05:00pm EST. by calling 407-823-5607. **If you are in immediate distress**, please call Counseling and Psychological Services to speak directly with a counselor 24/7 at 407-823-2811, or please call 911.

You can find additional non-academic resources listed in the Course Introduction module in THE BASICS: What Do I Need to Know . . .?.

How is respect for diversity and inclusion maintained?

UCF considers the diversity of its students, faculty, and staff to be a strength and critical to its educational mission. UCF expects every member of the university community to contribute to an inclusive and respectful culture for all in its classrooms, work environments, and at campus events. If there are aspects of the design, instruction, and/or experiences within this course that result in barriers to your inclusion or accurate assessment of achievement, please **notify the instructor as soon as possible** and/or contact Student Accessibility Services.

This course will be conducted in a way that respects **all aspects of** diversity (http://www.diversity.ucf.edu). The very nature of this course requires us to delve into topics that may make some students uncomfortable and/or discuss topics with which some students may strongly disagree. I expect everyone to show respect for one another and the diverse issues presented and discussed. Any student who acts inappropriately through language use or disruptive behavior **will be blocked from participating in online discussions and forfeit their grade for those discussions**.

While various opinions and emotions are tied to some of the topics covered, **the greater purpose is to educate, not judge**. Everyone must be given a chance to express their thoughts in discussion without interruption or ridicule. If you encounter materials in the course that you find disconcerting, take a moment to explore why you are unsettled and then rationally explain your concerns to me so we can address the materials further through class discussion or privately during office hours.

How is academic integrity maintained?

Your enrollment in this course means that you will adhere to the **UCF Creed (http://catalog.ucf.edu/content.php?catoid=2&navoid=4)** and you will maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. According to UCF's Rules of Conduct, **Section 1 Academic Misconduct (http://osc.sdes.ucf.edu/process/roc)**, students are prohibited from engaging in:

- **Unauthorized assistance:** Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information or study aids in any academic exercise unless specifically authorized by the instructor of record. The unauthorized possession of examination or course-related material also constitutes cheating.
- **Communication to another through written, visual, electronic, or oral means:** The presentation of material which has not been studied or learned, but rather was obtained through someone else's efforts and used as part of an examination, course assignment, or project.
- **Commercial Use of Academic Material:** Selling of course material to another person, student, and/or uploading course material to a third-party vendor without authorization or without the express written permission of the university and the instructor. Course materials include but are not limited to class notes, Instructor's PowerPoints, course syllabi, tests, quizzes, labs, instruction sheets, homework, study guides, handouts, etc.
- **Falsifying or misrepresenting** the student's own academic work.
- **Plagiarism:** Using or appropriating another's work without any indication of the source, thereby attempting to convey the impression that such work is the student's own.
- **Multiple Submissions:** Submitting the same academic work for credit more than once without the express written permission of the instructor.
- **Helping another violate** academic behavior standards.

UCF faculty members have a responsibility for students' education and the value of a UCF degree, and so seek to prevent unethical behavior and when necessary respond to academic misconduct. Academic misconduct of any kind on an exam or any other assignmentin this course will result at least in an 'F' grade for that assignment (and may, depending on the severity of the case, lead to an 'F' or **'Z' grade (http://goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/zgrade)** for the entire course). All academic integrity issues will be subject to appropriate referral to the **Office of Student Conduct (http://osc.sdes.ucf.edu/faq#students)**, which may take further action (e.g., assignment of 'Z' grade, conduct review and possible expulsion). See the **UCF Golden Rule (http://goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/)** for further information.

All written work for this course is **automatically reviewed for academic integrity** during the grading process.

- **Do not share your work with anyone else, do not use the work of someone else as yours, and do not complete written assignments as a group.** If you do this, it is easily detectable through online links and WebCourses action logs including student submission matches.
- **Do not plagiarize any written work from past UCF submissions, journals, academic texts, or Internet resources**. If you do this, the plagiarism check system will detect it and provide a traceable report listing the sources that you used.

As reflected in the UCF Creed, integrity and scholarship are core values that should guide our conduct and decisions as members of the UCF community. I will also adhere to these standards, so please **do not ask me to change (or expect me to change) your grade illegitimately** by bending rules that would benefit your grade, or asking for a grade-related opportunity that will not be equally applied the entire class (e.g., individual extra-credit assignments). I will not respond to requests to 'round up' final grades – you will be assigned the grade that you have earned.

Why should I use WebCourses Email Inbox?

Our **official mode of communication is the secure WebCourses Email Inbox system**. This ensures the safety of your personal information. It is your responsibility to check the WebCourses Inbox and course announcements at least two-or-three times per week. You may also use your UCF Knight's Email account to communicate with me. However, **if you use the UCF Knights Mail system**, please use the course number in your email reference so it is easily recognized, and please do not forget to add your name at the end of the email.

When using the proper channels of communication, you can generally **expect a response to your message through WebCourses Inbox within 24 hours**. Please keep in mind that I may only check our UCF email once, if at all, during the weekend hours (unless an exam is open) or on holidays. If you send an email on a Friday afternoon or over the weekend, you may not receive a response until the following Monday.

All communication between student and instructor and between student and student should be respectful and professional. Please be aware that any **online correspondence regarding assignments, grades, or course materials must utilize the WebCourses Inbox or UCF Knight's Mail systems**. I will not respond to messages sent by other means, such as your Smartphone or iPad unless you are using the WebCourses@UCF **Canvas Student Mobile application**.

What are the technology and software requirements?

Students will be expected to have access to a computer frequently, as all course materials are

supplied online and all assignments will be submitted and graded through WebCourses. At a minimum, you will need:

- Access to a reliable laptop or desktop computer **at least three times a week**. If you do not own a computer, there are student accessible computers in all of UCF's computer labs. For further information, please see the UCF Libraries FAQ for **lab hours and locations (http://guides.ucf.edu/c.php?g=78577&p=517810) . (http://guides.ucf.edu/content.php?pid=137016&sid=1173345)**
- Reliable broadband internet access
- A **compatible web browser (https://cdl.ucf.edu/support/webcourses/browser/)**
- Audio input, built-in, or external computer speakers

You are expected to have access to Adobe Reader and PowerPoint for the Web/PowerPoint app, or the equivalent (through **Office 365 (https://extranet.cst.ucf.edu/office365selfsvc)**) on the computer or device commonly accessed so that you may properly view multimedia materials in the course content. If you are not using Office 365, please contact **WebCourses@UCF Support (https://cdl.ucf.edu/support/webcourses/)** for technical support assistance with the most current versions of these products.

Who do I contact if something online isn't working in the course modules?

If you are experiencing **problems accessing materials or submitting your work**, please contact me so I can assist you as soon as possible.

Technology can have its challenges. If you need **help with computer set-up or online technical assistance**, please use the following links:

- Technical assistance is available through phone, email and live chat through **WebCourses@UCF Support (https://cdl.ucf.edu/support/webcourses/)**
- A built-in 'Help' button for WebCourses@UCFSupport and WebCourses system is located in the WebCourses@UCF permanent toolbar. You will find links to Canvas Support Guides, reporting problems to WebCourses@UCF Support, Knights Online Learning, and Computer Setup.

WebCourses allows tracking of a student's progress and activities while logged into the course to assist in verifying instances where computer 'glitches' or 'Internet speed bumps' occur when submitting assignments, taking exams, etc. If you experience **problems with WebCourses while submitting and assignment**, it will show up in your individual WebCourses action log. Therefore, the "Bill Gates ate my homework" or "I submitted the discussion post, but . . ." excuses can be traced and verified.

How can I use external study materials responsibly?

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During this course you might also encounter public online services and/or software applications, sometimes called third-party software, such as blogs or wikis. While some of these might be related to required assignments or course materials, **you need not make any personally identifying information on a public site. Do not post or provide any private information about yourself or your classmates.** Where appropriate you may use a pseudonym or nickname.If you have any concerns about this, please contact your professor for assistance.

What do I do if there is a campus emergency?

Emergencies on campus are rare, but if one should arise during class, everyone needs to work together. Students should be aware of their surroundings and familiar with some basic safety and security concepts.

- In case of emergency, **dial 911** for assistance.
- Every UCF classroom contains an **emergency procedure guide** posted on a wall near the door. Students should make a note of the guide's physical location and review the **online version (http://emergency.ucf.edu/emergency_guide.html)** .
- Students should know the **evacuation routes** from each of their classrooms and have a plan for finding safety in case of an emergency.
- If there is a **medical emergency during class**, students may need to **locate (http://www.ehs.ucf.edu/AEDlocations-UCF)** and access a first-aid kit or AED (Automated External Defibrillator).
- To **stay informed about emergency situations**, students can **sign up (https://my.ucf.edu)**

through "Student Self Service/Personal Information" to receive UCF text alerts.

- Students with special needs related to emergency situations should speak with their instructors outside of class.
- To learn about how to manage an **active-shooter situation** on campus or elsewhere, consider viewing this **UCF video (https://youtu.be/NIKYajEx4pk)** .

What is my seminar discussion and assignment schedule?

Changes to the seminar discussion and assignment schedules are not expected but may occur. Your professor reserves the right to make reasonable adjustments to the discussion and assignment schedule. **You will be notified of any changes through Announcements** in WebCourses.

Your seminar discussion schedule and course materials may be accessed through the 'Modules' button in the course menu on the left.

- **Due dates for graded work** are listed in the table below and in the INTRODUCTION page of each learning module.
- **Assigned readings** are listed in the INTRODUCTION page of each learning module.

Course Summary:

Date	Details	
Wed Jan 13, 2021	**ANG 6587 Biological Anthropology Seminar (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=2169005&include_contexts=course_1369296)**	6pm to 9pm
Fri Jan 15, 2021	**FORUM 1: Validating 'science'? (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937899)**	due by 11:59pm
Wed Jan 20, 2021	**ANG 6587 Biological Anthropology Seminar (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=2169006&include_contexts=course_1369296)**	6pm to 9pm
Thu Jan 21, 2021	**ATTEND: Class on JAN 20, 2021 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6959938)**	due by 11:59pm

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Sat Jan 23, 2021	FORUM 2: Darwin and Culture? (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937898)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Jan 25, 2021	PAPER 1: Value of 'Biocultural' (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937917)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Jan 27, 2021	ANG 6587 Biological Anthropology Seminar (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=2169007&include_contexts=course_1369296)	6pm to 9pm
Thu Jan 28, 2021	ATTEND: Class on JAN 27, 2021 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6963526)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Jan 30, 2021	FORUM 3: Ethical Codes? (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937897)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Feb 1, 2021	PAPER 2: Meaning of the Gene (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937918)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Feb 3, 2021	ANG 6587 Biological Anthropology Seminar (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=2169008&include_contexts=course_1369296)	6pm to 9pm
Thu Feb 4, 2021	ATTEND: Class on FEB 03, 2021 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6963536)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Feb 6, 2021	FORUM 4: Genetic Diversity? (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937889)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Feb 8, 2021	PAPER 3: Changing the Pool (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937919)	due by 11:59pm

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Wed Feb 10, 2021	ANG 6587 Biological Anthropology Seminar (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=2169009&include_contexts=course_1369296)	6pm to 9pm
Thu Feb 11, 2021	ATTEND: Class on FEB 10, 2021 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6963537)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Feb 13, 2021	FORUM 5: Species or Not? (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937887)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Feb 15, 2021	PAPER 4: Taxonomy vs. Diversity (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937921)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Feb 17, 2021	ANG 6587 Biological Anthropology Seminar (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=2169010&include_contexts=course_1369296)	6pm to 9pm
Thu Feb 18, 2021	ATTEND: Class on FEB 17, 2021 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6963538)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Feb 20, 2021	FORUM 6: Primate Culture? (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937886)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Feb 22, 2021	PAPER 5: The Primate "Threat" (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937922)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Feb 24, 2021	ANG 6587 Biological Anthropology Seminar (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=2169011&include_contexts=course_1369296)	6pm to 9pm
Thu Feb 25, 2021	ATTEND: Class on FEB 24, 2021 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses	due by 11:59pm

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Sat Feb 27, 2021	FORUM 7: Roots of Plasticity in Our Tree? (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937896)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Mar 3, 2021	ANG 6587 Biological Anthropology Seminar (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=2169012&include_contexts=course_1369296)	6pm to 9pm
Thu Mar 4, 2021	ATTEND: Class on MAR 03, 2021 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6963605)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Mar 6, 2021	FORUM 8: Being Modern (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937888)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Mar 8, 2021	PAPER 6: Why Not Neanderthal? (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937920)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Mar 10, 2021	ANG 6587 Biological Anthropology Seminar (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=2169013&include_contexts=course_1369296)	6pm to 9pm
Thu Mar 11, 2021	ATTEND: Class on MAR 10, 2021 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6963606)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Mar 13, 2021	FORUM 9: An Evolved Adolescence? (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937893)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Mar 15, 2021	PAPER 7: Living a Long Life History (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937924)	due by 11:59pm

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Wed Mar 17, 2021	ANG 6587 Biological Anthropology Seminar (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=2169014&include_contexts=course_1369296)	6pm to 9pm
Thu Mar 18, 2021	ATTEND: Class on MAR 17, 2021 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6963607)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Mar 20, 2021	FORUM 10: Is Taste 'Everything'? (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937890)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Mar 22, 2021	PAPER 8: Risky Measures of Risk? (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937925)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Mar 24, 2021	ANG 6587 Biological Anthropology Seminar (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=2169015&include_contexts=course_1369296)	6pm to 9pm
Thu Mar 25, 2021	ATTEND: Class on MAR 24, 2021 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6963608)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Mar 27, 2021	FORUM 11: Current Petri Dish? (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937891)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Mar 29, 2021	PAPER 9: Past and Future Disease-scapes (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937916)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Mar 31, 2021	ANG 6587 Biological Anthropology Seminar (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=2169016&include_contexts=course_1369296)	6pm to 9pm

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Thu Apr 1, 2021	ATTEND: Class on MAR 31, 2021 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6963542)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Apr 3, 2021	FORUM 12: Your Extreme? (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937892)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Apr 7, 2021	ANG 6587 Biological Anthropology Seminar (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=2169017&include_contexts=course_1369296)	6pm to 9pm
Thu Apr 8, 2021	ATTEND: Class on APR 07, 2021 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6963527)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Apr 17, 2021	FORUM 13: Accepting Biological Race? (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937894)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Apr 19, 2021	PAPER 10: Rejecting Biological Race (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6937923)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Apr 21, 2021	ANG 6587 Biological Anthropology Seminar (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=2169019&include_contexts=course_1369296)	6pm to 9pm
Thu Apr 22, 2021	ATTEND: Class on APR 21, 2021 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6963529)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Apr 24, 2021	FORUM 14: Where Do We Go Next? (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6958933)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Apr 26, 2021	PARTICIPATION: Peer Review Process (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6954443)	due by 11:59pm

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	PARTICIPATION: Weekly Journal Notes (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6957941)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Apr 28, 2021	ANG 6587 Biological Anthropology Seminar (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=2169020&include_contexts=course_1369296)	6pm to 9pm
Thu Apr 29, 2021	ATTEND: Class on APR 28, 2021 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1369296/assignments/6963531)	due by 11:59pm