

**ANTHROPOLOGY 201.60**  
**Introduction to Primatology and Human Evolution**

**Summer 2011**

Time: MW 10:00 – 12:45  
Location: SS 109  
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**Required Textbook:** *A Human Voyage: Exploring Biological Anthropology*. Anne Keenleyside and Richard Lazenby.

**Course Description:**

Anthropology is the study of the human species. It is a very broad field that includes four subfields, one of which is biological anthropology. This course introduces you to biological anthropology by examining the origin of humans and our place among all primates. This course starts by examining the mechanism and philosophical implications of biological evolution. We then survey the Order primates, and examine what it is about the Order, to which we as humans belong, that makes it unique among other mammalian taxa. Finally, we will apply our working knowledge of evolutionary principles to examine the origins of hominids and their subsequent evolution over the past 5 million years that eventually leads to modern humans.

**COURSEWORK:**

Readings

Midterm 1: July 13 (30%)

Midterm 2: August 3 (30%)

Final: Registrar scheduled TBA (Aug 19-20) (40%)

All tests are based on lecture notes (**posted material as well as additional information given during class**), readings and videos as well as any guest lectures. Midterms will not be cumulative, however final exam will cover material from the entire term.

**Posting of grades and class handouts:**

Grades will be posted on blackboard as a raw score and a percentage usually within one week of the exam or assignment deadline. All handouts and lecture slides will also be posted on blackboard prior to class. It is your responsibility to check blackboard regularly for material that will be needed in class.

**Final Course Grades will be based on the following:**

A+	100 - 94.9%	B	79.8 - 74.9%	C-	62.8 – 58.9%
A	94.8 - 89.9%	B-	74.8 – 70.9%	D+	58.8 – 54.9%
A-	89.8 - 84.9%	C+	70.8– 66.9%	D	54.8 – 49.9%
B+	84.8 – 79.9%	C	66.8 – 62.9%	F	49.8% and below

**Course Expectations:**

This course will include lectures, group activities, movies and discussion of assigned readings. Lecture material is designed to complement the text book, not duplicate it, so there may be some material covered in the text that is not covered in lecture, or vice versa. You are responsible for all of this material.

Presence and participation in class is strongly suggested. Students who do not regularly attend lecture tend to receive grades of “C” or lower. If you should miss a class, it is your responsibility to find out what was missed from a classmate and catch up.

Please be courteous to other classmates and turn your cell phone off before entering the classroom. Laptops may be used in the classroom only to take notes. Students who use their laptops for other activities (ie. Email, facebook, playing games) will be asked not to bring their computer to class again.

**Class Schedule (subject to some change):**

<b>July 4</b>	Introduction History of Evolutionary Theory Darwinian Natural Selection Reading: Chs. 1 & 2 & Pgs. 60-68
<b>July 6</b>	Film: Darwin’s Dangerous Idea
<b>July 11</b>	Microevolution Macroevolution Reading: Ch. 4
<b>July 13</b>	<b>Midterm 1 (30%)</b> Film: BBC: Life primates
<b>July 18</b>	Understanding primate studies Primate pattern Theories of primate origin Film: A lemur’s tale Reading: Ch. 5

<b>July 20</b>	Survey of the Primates Film: Three Monkeys Reading: Ch. 5
<b>July 25</b>	Primate Social Groups Film: Battles of Braveheart Reading: Ch. 6
<b>July 27</b>	Belize Field Studies Film: Community Baboon Sanctuary
<b>August 1</b>	<b>No Class</b>
<b>August 3</b>	<b>Midterm # 2</b> Film: First Steps – Becoming Human
<b>August 8</b>	Non-human primate evolution Ape-hominin transition Chs. 7 & 8
<b>August 10</b>	Australopithecines Film: Skull Wars: Missing Link Ch. 9
<b>August 15</b>	The Genus Homo Fillm: The Mind's Big Bang Chs. 10 & 11 & 12
<b>August 17</b>	Course Review

August 19-20 Registrar's office scheduled Final Exam (40%). The final exam will be cumulative, however 75% will come from the last 3<sup>rd</sup> of the course.

**Also:**

1- Deferred exams are possible only for serious reasons (**and the demand needs to be made before the exam**). A missed examination automatically receives a score of zero if the instructor is not notified before the exam. **No exceptions!** In the event of an emergency or illness, the anthropology office (220 6516) or the instructor must be notified **before the exam**, and documentation must be provided in order for a make up exam to be possible. Make up exams may be in any format (including an oral exam).

2- Results of the tests will usually be posted on the web within one week. Exams are NOT returned to the students. You can consult your copy during office hours or by appointment. If you have concerns about the marking of your exam, you will be asked to provide a detailed written statement of your concern. Your exam will then be re-graded in its entirety, and marks will be raised, lowered or left unchanged as is warranted. Deadline

for the submission of written statement is one week after results of an examination have been posted.

**Useful Numbers:**

Dep't of Anthropology: 220 6516

SafeWalk/Campus Security: 220 5333

**Emergency Evacuation:**

In the event that the classroom should need to be evacuated due to an emergency situation please note that the primary assembly point shall be at the Professional Faculties Food Court and the Education Block Food Court shall be used as a secondary assembly point.

**PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING**

Plagiarism: “to steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one’s own” (Webster’s). Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will automatically result in a failing grade for the submission. Any student caught plagiarizing may also be subject to additional University sanctions. Students are expected to be familiar with the Anthropology Departments policy on intellectual honesty available at: <https://www.anth.ucalgary.ca/home/links/intellectual-honesty-guidelines>

**Academic Accommodations** – It is the students’ responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodations and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact them at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodations. You are also required to discuss your need with your instructor no more than 14 days after the start of the course.

The Department of Anthropology’s FOIP (Freedom of Information and Privacy) policy requires all reports/examinations to be returned to students during class time or the instructor’s office hours. Any term work not picked up will be placed in the Anthropology Office (SS 854) for distribution. Any student not wishing to have their work placed in the office must make alternate arrangements with the course instructor early in the term.