

Course Code and Title: ANTH*1120 Biological Anthropology

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Calendar Description:

In this course students will be introduced to the central concepts of biological anthropology. Potential topics to be explored include hominid evolution, contemporary human diversity, nutrition and diet, and an introduction to forensic anthropology and paleopathology.

Detailed Course Description:*

Biological anthropology deals with the diversity and evolution of human beings and their living and fossil relatives, and how they have adapted to their environments. This course will introduce students to the remarkable biological diversity of our taxonomic order: Primates. The course will discuss the rich fossil evidence for non-human primate and human evolution and its interpretation. The course will investigate the biological diversity of modern humans and investigate various sub-fields of biological anthropology. Students will be evaluated on the following:

Reading assignment quizzes

Virtual labs

Written assignments

Mid-term tests

Final exam

The required textbook for this course is an electronic textbook using the Top Hat platform (Top Hat access is included with the purchase of the textbook).

- Keenleyside Anne & Lazenby Richard. 2015. *A Human Voyage: Exploring Biological Anthropology -2e: TopHat.*

- o *This is an electronic textbook older used paper-copies will not have content and features required for the course.*

- *Additional readings may be assigned by the course instructor and made available electronically through the library.*

** Description subject to change. Final course outline will be provided to students at the beginning of the semester.*