

**UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH**  
**College of Social and Applied Human Sciences**  
**Department of Sociology and Anthropology**

**ANTH 1120:** Biological Anthropology

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**Class Time and Location:** Thursdays 7:00- 9:50 pm. ROZH 102

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**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 Description:**

Anthropology is the study of all human diversity from earliest times to contemporary forms. This course is a broad introduction to concepts and issues found within the sub-field of biological anthropology. The course will be an introduction to the basic concepts, theories, methods and applications of biological anthropology (also called physical anthropology). The biological/physical and social origins, development and diversity of humanity will be explored through lectures, readings, assignments and films. The course content ranges from the early origins of all primates, to the development of non-human primates and our human ancestors including more contemporary issues surrounding human biological diversity. Topics include human/primate evolution, nutrition and diet, forensic anthropology, trauma and disease in modern and past populations.

**Required Reading:**

2011, Steckley, John  
Introduction to Physical Anthropology  
Toronto: Oxford University Press

**CourseLink Web Site:** Students are required to use the CourseLink class web site. It allows for communication outside of class and is the central stop for course information. It includes a discussion group, calendar of dates, various anthropology, archaeology, science, topical articles and other research links. The site changes over the term so check the course materials section regularly. Research project guidelines and student grades will be posted on CourseLink.

**Online Conferencing participation:** See Discussions/Main Class Discussion to find the weekly questions and the posts of your classmates. Weekly participation is required for a perfect score.

**Video/Film Resources:** Course related video resources will be screened when appropriate material is available. Topically relevant questions on video content will be included on exams.

Midterm Examination	<b>30%</b>
Short Research Project	<b>25%</b>
Online Conferencing participation	<b>10%</b>
Final Examination	<b>35%</b>

