

# COURSE SYLLABUS

## ANTHROPOLOGY 100: INTRODUCTION TO BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

**Semester:** Spring 2012

**Section:** 1 (MWF 1:10 - 2:00, HSS 285)

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The focus of this course is to provide a basic understanding of the principles of biological anthropology. Special emphasis is placed on evolutionary theory as it applies to humans and on the place of humans in the natural world.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADES:**

There are three exams for this course. The format for the exams is multiple choice. Each exam will consist of 50 questions (cumulatively 150 points for the semester). In addition, there will be a quiz each day in class consisting of 3-10 questions. Cumulatively there will be at least 150 of these questions over the course of the semester (cumulatively 150 points for the semester). Your grade for the course is based on your average for all of the course assignments (number of questions you get correct from the exams and daily quizzes divided by the 300 possible points for the semester). Your final grade for the course is assigned on a "ten point" grade scale:

90-100% = "A"

80-89% = "B"

70-79% = "C"

60-69% = "D"

<60% = "F"

There is no "curve" applied to the grades in this course (i.e., if you have a 78 average, you will receive a "C" for the course; if you have a 65 average, you will receive a "D" for the course; etc.). There are no early exams or make-up exams. No incompletes will be given for this course. **All of the exams and in-class quizzes require the use of the eInstruction response pad that you purchased with your textbook. Make sure that you bring it to class with you every day.**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY FOR THIS COURSE. YOU MUST COME TO CLASS IF YOU PLAN TO PASS THE COURSE.**

In-class quiz questions will be administered during the first and last five minutes of class. If you arrive late or leave early you will miss the questions and receive a "0".

If you arrive for a scheduled exam more than five minutes late you will not be able to take the exam.

If you stop attending this course, you **will not** be "automatically dropped" from the course.

*Withdrawing from courses is your responsibility.* If you do not officially withdraw from the course, you will receive an “F”.

**TEXTBOOK:**

Park, Michael Alan. 2010. *Biological Anthropology, Sixth Edition*. San Francisco, California: McGraw-Hill Publishing Company.

**Class Key: F70212C882**

*You will be held responsible for all information presented in lectures, assigned readings, and any other media (i.e., films, video tapes, slides, etc.). The assigned readings are meant to compliment the material presented in class, **not** substitute for it (i.e., **attend lectures if you plan to pass the course**). **Passing grades on the exams and quizzes require that you successfully integrate the information from class and from the readings.***

**SCHEDULE:**

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>READING</b>
The Science of Anthropology	Chp. 1
Evolutionary Theory	Chp. 2, 4
<b>EXAM 1 Feb 24</b>	
The Order <i>Primates</i>	Chp. 6
Primate and Human Evolution	Chp. 7-9
<b>EXAM 2 Apr 13</b>	
The Family <i>Hominidae</i>	Chp. 10
The Genus <i>Homo</i>	Chp. 11-12
<b>EXAM 3 May 11</b>	

*The format of the exams and in-class questions is multiple choice. This does not mean that you will be able to effectively study by simply reading over the notes before an exam. In order to do well on the exams you will have to be **conversant** with the material. In other words, even though you will be answering multiple choice questions you should be familiar enough with the material that you could write an essay on the major topics.*