

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY COURSE OUTLINES		
TERM: SPRING 2011	COURSE NO: ANTHROPOLOGY 124	
INSTRUCTOR: BOB MUCKLE	COURSE NAME: INTRODUCTION TO BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
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OFFICE HOURS: Mon 10:00-11:30; Wed 10:00-11:30; Thur 10:00-11:30; Fri 10:-11:30		

COURSE FORMAT:

Three hours of class time per week, plus an additional hour of “fourth hour” activity through the 13 weeks of scheduled classes.. Class time includes lectures, discussion, and videos. “Fourth hour” activities include reading on-line articles and watching videos suggested by the instructor. In addition to “fourth hour” activities, students should expect to spend a minimum of two hours outside of class time on the course for every hour in class, including reading the text, studying for the exams, and working on their research paper.

COURSE PREREQUISITES:

None.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Anthropology 124 is an introduction to biological anthropology, focusing on the primate background and fossil evidence of humans. The principal objectives are to introduce students to the theoretical foundations of evolutionary science, the fundamental methods of palaeoanthropology, the basic outline of Old World prehistory, and how to evaluate popular notions about humans and other primates in prehistory and contemporary times from a biological anthropological perspective.

TRANSFERABILITY:

Anth 124 transfers to SFU as ARCH 131 and to UBC as ANTH 140. See BC Transfer Guide for transferability to other institutions.

REQUIRED TEXT:

Park, Michael Alan. *Biological Anthropology*. Sixth Edition. Toronto: McGraw-Hill, 2010.

COURSE CONTENT: (detailed schedule distributed in class)

- The Nature and Scope of Biological Anthropology
- The Growth and Modern Synthesis of Evolutionary Theory
- Pseudoscience, Speciation, and Deep Time
- Defining and Classifying the Primates
- Primate Behaviour
- Studying the Human Past
- Early Primate Evolution
- Hominin Evolution
- Evaluating Popular Notions about Humans and Other Primates

EVALUATION PROFILE:

Midterm	35%
Final Exam	35%
Research Paper	<u>30%</u>
	100%

GRADING PROFILE:

A+ = 90 - 100%	B+ = 76 - 79%	C+ = 64 - 67%	D = 50 - 54%
A = 85 - 89	B = 72 - 75	C = 60 - 63	F = 0 - 49
A- = 80 - 84	B- = 68 - 71	C- = 55 - 59	

ASSIGNMENTS:

Midterm/Final Exam: Both the midterm and the final exam consist of two parts. Part A is short answer. Part B requires short essays on two different topics.

Research Paper: Each student is required to write a research paper of approximately 1500 words. Pre-approved topics and other details are provided on the handout *Guidelines for Anthropology 124 Research Papers –Spring, 2011*

OPERATIONAL DETAILS:

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grades), Student Conduct, Cheating and Plagiarism, Academic Probation and other educational issues. Copies of these and other policies are distributed to all students during the registration process and are also available in the University Calendar and in the Library.

Attendance: Students are expected to attend all classes.

Fourth Hour Activities:

Fourth hour activities include reading on-line articles and watching videos suggested by the instructor. The articles and videos will not be tested directly, but information from them may be used in Part B (short essays) part of the midterm and final exams.

- Missed Exams: Make-up tests are given at the discretion of the instructor. They are generally given only in medical emergencies. Students should be prepared to provide proof of inability to write the exam at the scheduled time.
- Cheating/Plagiarism: Depending on the severity - "0" on the test or assignment, failure of the course; or expulsion from the university.
- Incomplete Grades: Given at the discretion of the instructor. They are generally given only in medical emergencies.
- Electronic Devices: No personal electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, calculators, electronic dictionaries, etc...) may be used during an examination without prior approval from the instructor. During an exam, turn off all cell phones and pagers and remove them from the desk.
- Laptops: Laptops are to be used only for note-taking in Anth 124. Students who use laptops are encouraged to sit at the back of the room where they are less distracting to others.
- Disruptive Students: Coming late to class; leaving during lectures, discussion, or videos; and using laptops or other electronic devices for any reason (including the internet and texting) are distracting to others and are therefore not conducive to maintaining a positive learning environment. Repeated disruptive behaviour is not acceptable.
- Instructor Assistance: Students are encouraged to seek assistance from the instructor through office visits or email. When emailing the instructor, students should be certain to put the course in the subject line (eg. ANTH 124-01)
- Emergency Procedures:
Please read the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.