

**DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA**

**HUMAN EVOLUTION
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COURSE INFORMATION

Objectives and Content:

This course is an intensive study of the physical evolution of humans and their ancestors. An important focus in this course is socio-cultural adaptation with an emphasis on the origins of modern behaviour.

Required Textbook (the following books can be purchased at the University Book Store):

Campbell, B., Loy, J., & Cruz-Uribe, K. 2006 *Humankind Emerging*, 9th ed. Toronto: Pearson.

METHOD OF EVALUATION

Your grade will be based on one mid-term test, two assignments and a final examination. In the case of missed exams: Illness (supported by a medical certificate), death in the immediate family, and university and religious obligations are the only valid reasons for missing an exam. Exams missed without a valid reason count as zero. The instructor must be notified immediately if an exam is to be missed for a valid reason.

Incompletes (Time Extensions) must be applied for before the last day of classes.

Mid-term Test:

The mid-term test, worth 30 % of the final grade, will be given on February 25, 2010 and will consist of multiple choice questions along with a series of short answer questions based on the material preceding the test.

Final Examination:

The exam, worth 30 % of the final grade, will consist of a series of short answer questions based on all the material in the course.

Assignments:

Assignment 1:

This assignment will consist of a report on a specific fossil and will include information on its discovery, its description, its place in the fossil record, and meanings attributed to its placement. This report will account for 20 % of the final grade.

Due date: February 11, 2010

Assignment 2:

This assignment will focus on the analysis of an important issue in the evolution of *Homo sapiens*. Topics could include the investigation of origin stories, explanations of particular adaptations (for example, bipedalism) or different theories relating to the evolutionary history of ancestral groups. If you have a specific topic you would like to study, please discuss your idea with the instructor prior to writing your paper. This assignment is worth 20 % of the final grade. Length of this assignment: 5 to 8 pages.

Due date: March 25, 2010

Please note that unreturned term work will be kept for four months. The assignments will then become the property of the Faculty of Arts and will be subject to confidential destruction.

Referencing guidelines:

Information on referencing style and guidelines for writing papers will be handed out in the first week of classes. The AAA referencing style is preferred, although use of another style may be approved if the student discusses this subject with the instructor prior to writing the paper.

Late Assignments:

A penalty of 1 % per day will be imposed on late papers, which will be waived only in case of documented illness, injury or death in the immediate family. If a student is unable to complete the term work prescribed in a course he/she may apply to the instructor prior to the end of lectures for consideration of a grade classification of incomplete.

The voluntary withdrawal date for this course is March 19, 2010. Students will receive feedback on their academic performance (mid-term test and one assignment) before the voluntary withdrawal date.

The grade distribution for this course is as follows:

A+ [90-100]	C+ [65-69]
A [80-89]	C [60-64]
B+ [75-79]	D [50-59]
B [70-74]	F [0-49]

Final grades are subject to departmental review.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

General Academic Regulations and Requirements

Section 7: Academic Integrity (taken from University of Manitoba Undergraduate Calendar, 2009-2010)

7.1 Plagiarism and Cheating

Plagiarism or any other form of cheating in examinations, term tests or academic work is subject to serious academic penalty (e.g. suspension or expulsion from the faculty or university). Cheating in examinations or tests may take the form of copying from another student or bringing unauthorized materials into the exam room (e.g., crib notes, pagers or cell phones). Exam cheating can also include exam impersonation. (Please see Section 4.2.8 on Exam Personation). A student found guilty of contributing to cheating in examinations or term assignments is also subject to serious academic penalty.

To plagiarize is to take ideas or words of another person and pass them off as one's own. In short, it is stealing something intangible rather than an object. Plagiarism applies to any written work, in traditional or electronic format, as well as orally or verbally presented work. Obviously it is not necessary to state the source of well known or easily verifiable facts, but students are expected to appropriately acknowledge the sources of ideas and expressions they use in their written work, whether quoted directly or paraphrased. This applies to diagrams, statistical tables and the like, as well as to written material, and materials or information from Internet sources.

To provide adequate and correct documentation is not only an indication of academic honesty but is also a courtesy which enables the reader to consult these sources with ease. Failure to provide appropriate citations constitutes plagiarism. It will also be considered plagiarism and/or cheating if a student submits a term paper written in whole or in part by someone other than him/herself, or copies the answer or answers of another student in any test, examination, or take-home assignment.

Working with other students on assignments, laboratory work, take-home tests, or on-line tests, when this is not permitted by the instructor, can constitute Inappropriate Collaboration and may

be subject to penalty under the Student Discipline By-Law.

An assignment which is prepared and submitted for one course should not be used for a different course. This is called "duplicate submission" and represents a form of cheating because course requirements are expected to be fulfilled through original work for each course.

When in doubt about any practice, ask your professor or instructor.

Statement from the Dean's Office regarding penalties for plagiarism:

The common penalty in Arts for plagiarism in a written assignment, test, or examination is F on the paper and F for the course. For the most serious acts of plagiarism, such as the purchase of an essay or cheating on a test or examination, the penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five years from registration in courses taught in a particular department in Arts or from all courses taught in this faculty. The Faculty also reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of plagiarism to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism.

General Academic Regulations and Requirements

Section 4: Academic Evaluation (taken from University of Manitoba Undergraduate Calendar, 2009-10)

4.2 Examinations

4.2.8 Examinations: Personations

A student who arranges for another individual to undertake or write any nature of examination for and on his/her behalf, as well as the individual who undertakes or writes the examination, will be subject to discipline under the university's Student Discipline Bylaw, which could lead to suspension or expulsion from the university. In addition, the Canadian Criminal Code treats the personation of a candidate at a competitive or qualifying examination held at a university as an offence punishable by summary conviction. Section 362 of the code provides:

Personation at Examination

362. Every one who falsely, with intent to gain advantage for him/herself or some other person, personates a candidate at a competitive or qualifying examination held under the authority of law or in connection with a university, college or school or who knowingly avails him/herself of the results of such personation is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction. 1953-54,c.51, s.347.

Both the personator and the individual who avails him/herself of the personation could be found guilty. Summary conviction could result in a fine being levied or up to two years of imprisonment.

TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE

Jan 7:

Introduction

Jan 12 - 14:	Search for Human Origins	Chapter 1
Jan 19 - 21:	Search for Human Origins Evolutionary Perspectives	Chapter 1 Chapter 2
Jan 26 - 28:	Primate Classification Primate Behaviour	Chapter 3 Chapter 4
Feb 2 - 4:	Prehominin evolution South African hominins	Chapter 5 Chapter 6
Feb 9 - 11 :	Australopithecines	Chapter 7
Feb 11:	1st assignment due	
Feb 15 - 19:	Mid-term Break	
Feb 23:	Australopithecines	Chapter 7
Feb 25:	Mid-term test	
Mar 2 - 4:	Early <i>Homo</i> Hominin behaviour	Chapter 8 Chapter 9
Mar 9 - 11:	<i>Homo erectus</i>	Chapters 10 & 11
Mar 16 - 18:	<i>Homo heidelbergensis</i> Language and the brain	Chapter 12 Chapter 13
Mar 23 - 25:	Neandertals	Chapter 14
Mar 25:	2nd assignment due	
Mar 30 – Apr 1:	Evolution of modern humans	Chapter 15
Apr 6 - 8:	Modern culture Human Variability	Chapter 16 Chapter 17

The final exam will be scheduled in the Final Examination Period, April 12 - 28, 2010