



Syllabus

ANT 110 Human Prehistory

General Information

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Course Prefix ANT

Course Number 110

Course Title Human Prehistory

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Catalog Description This course is a survey of human evolution—from the origin of humans up to and including the emergence of early civilizations. Our focus is on the introduction to early human biological and cultural variability emphasizing evolution, cultural adaptation, and cultural change within different environments using the subfields of physical anthropology and archaeology. Students will earn credit for the SUNY World History and Global Awareness and Social Science General Education categories.

Credit Hours 3

Lecture Contact Hours 3

Lab Contact Hours 0

Other Contact Hours 0

Grading Scheme Letter

Prerequisites

None

Co-requisites

None

First Year Experience/Capstone Designation

This course DOES NOT satisfy the outcomes applicable for status as a FYE or Capstone.

SUNY General Education

This course is designated as satisfying a requirement in the following SUNY Gen Ed categories

Social Sciences and World History and Global Awareness

FLCC Values

Institutional Learning Outcomes Addressed by the Course

Inquiry and Perseverance

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1. Demonstrate an understanding of the methods social scientists use to explore social phenomena including measurement and data collection techniques used to study human prehistory and early human civilizations.
2. Describe major concepts and theories of prehistory and early human civilizations by comparing and contrasting ideological and methodological paradigms of human evolutionary history.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the structures, systems, and interrelationships among civilizations and cultures within historical and/or contemporary contexts, and their impact on well-being and sustainability by analyzing quantitative data and evaluating anthropological research findings as they bear upon human prehistory and history.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of a broad outline of world history and/or the development of the distinctive features of at least one civilization or culture in relation to other regions of the world by comparing and contrasting the major concepts, models, and issues in the study of human prehistory and the development of civilization of early historic societies.

Outline of Topics Covered

What is Anthropology and what is Human Culture
Archaeology: The Discovery of Our Past
Doing Archaeology
Human Evolution: Fossil and Modern Primates
Beginnings of Human Origins
Becoming Human: Early Human Evolution
Becoming Human: Later Human Evolution
Upper Paleolithic: Hunter and Gathers Societies
Peopling the Americas, and Elsewhere
Cultivation and Domestication
Roots of Civilization