

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO

**Distance Studies**

**ANTHROPOLOGY 1026G Section 650**

**Introduction to Biological Anthropology and Archaeology**

Survey of basic methods and concepts of Biological Anthropology and Archaeology, including the evolution of Homo sapiens, the human capacity for culture and language, the development of food technologies and the rise of civilization.

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**Required Texts:**

*Lewis, Barry et. al Understanding Humans Introduction to Physical Anthropology and Archaeology*  
*xxxxx Thomas Wadsworth 9th or 10th Edition*

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*Angeloni, Elvio (ed.) Annual Editions Physical Anthropology 19th Edition*  
*xxxxx McGraw Hill*

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*Angeloni, Elvio (ed.) Annual Editions Archaeology 9th Edition*  
*xxxxx McGraw Hill*

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### ***COURSE EVALUATION:***

Students are responsible for any and all material covered in assigned readings, course videos and typed lecture material. The Lewis text is the theory text for the course. The Annual Editions are excellent collections of papers which illustrate how anthropology is applied in the field.

The test and research assignments are due on the dates INDICATED on the calendar. Click on the dates for further clarification.

<b>Assignment/Test</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>% of Final Grade</b>
Term Test	see calendar	30%
Research Assignment	see calendar	30%
Discussions	see calendar	5%
Final Examination	see calendar	35%

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### ***Welcome to Anthropology 1026G Distance Studies***

If this is your first course online, then it may be an interesting first experience for you. The course has been designed so that you may proceed at your own pace within specified time frames. You will note on the course calendar the date of your test, the due date for your research assignments and, finally, the date of your final exam. Please note that the actual time of your final exam will not be known until the university posts it. This latter timetable cannot be changed by you or your instructor. The date will be indicated as soon as it is confirmed.

### ***PLEASE NOTE:***

You may be relieved to know that the test is a TAKE-HOME TEST which means that it will be posted online and you may use your notes and texts as aids in answering the test questions. This sounds ideally very easy but, in fact, the questions are quite broad-based and require a comprehensive understanding of the material. The term test will encompass Units 1-7 inclusive. The Final Exam, by contrast, will be an in-class procedure requiring some memory work and without the benefit of notes and texts. However, you will be provided with a list of questions ahead of time to help you prepare for the final. The questions on the exam will be taken directly from this list. The final exam is not cumulative. You will not be tested on material that was assessed on the term test.

You are also required to post an answer to 5 out of the 13 discussion questions given for the units. These will be graded. Please keep your answers to 1 paragraph in length maximum.

There is the option of testing your knowledge of each unit through a self-test. This self-test will not be graded. You can try it as often as you like. It is intended to help you learn terms and concepts.

Your paper for the course consists of two research assignments. For further instructions about them, please read in the icon marked Research Paper.

**NOTE:** All written work submitted to me must be in Font Size 12. When you post it in the indicated research paper drop box, it may change a little in format. Sometimes the double-spacing vanishes etc. Don't worry. That's not a problem. Please note that there will be a 4% penalty per day for each day late, including weekends.

This style of learning is self-directed, however, you have access to other students with whom to share your thoughts. You also have an instructor and a teaching assistant. I cannot emphasize enough that you should email/call us whenever you have a problem or are confused about any of the information. Please do not feel that you are intruding or bothering us. We welcome the opportunity to talk with you. But, remember! The ONUS is on you to contact us.

Finally, one last recommendation. Keep up with the reading assignments as they are outlined in your course. Note the time of your test/exam and make sure that you have completed the prior readings by that time. A good rule of thumb is to complete the readings for one unit each week. It is too easy to fall behind and assume that you can catch up. The readings are not necessarily assigned on a weekly basis. You can determine what needs to be accomplished by the times of the test and exam. But the course builds on previous information and you need to give yourself time to absorb it before being evaluated on it. **Click on the actual dates for further clarification.**

I know that you will enjoy the course. It explores a wide range of issues and interests, offering something for everyone. You may wish to consider the sister course, Anthropology 1025F, which continues the study of humanity and the development of culture.

***So, without further ado, good luck and happy reading!***

