

Department of Anthropology

ANTHRO 1022A: Introduction to Biological Anthropology and Archaeology

BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE

Fall 2024

Date: August 9, 2024

Instructor and course information:

Instructor: Dr. Jay Stock and Dr. Lisa Hodgetts

Method of delivery: This is an in-person synchronous course with a lab component. Students will register for a weekly lab timeslot (tutorial section) but will only attend labs every other week. Lab schedules will be posted on OWL on Monday, September 18.

Credit value: 0.5

Antirequisites: None.

Prerequisites: None.

Course Description:

Why take this course? You won't just learn the fundamentals of how biological anthropology and archaeology help us understand our deep history and the world around us. You will also have an opportunity to engage in debates that are still ongoing in the field, and to interpret evidence through the lenses of biological anthropology and archaeology. The underlying theme connecting these fields is the study of human evolution, both biological and cultural -- the examination of our biological nature, our biological roots, and our cultural past. Both also document and celebrate human diversity, past and present. We will cover a range of topics: the place of biological anthropology and archaeology within the broader discipline of anthropology and their contributions to modern society; the genetic basis of evolution; the ecology and behaviour of non-human primates; interpreting the fossil record of human evolution; the origin of our species, *Homo sapiens*; and human variation and adaptability. We will also explore how the archaeological record forms; different types of archaeological evidence; archaeological methods and interpretation; mechanisms of cultural change; and how our understanding of human past shapes and is shaped by the world today.

A full course schedule including a week-by-week breakdown of topics and assigned readings will be available on the course's OWL Brightspace site before the first day of class.

Course Materials:

The majority of course readings will be in the Archaeology and Biological Anthropology Custom Course Book, 1022 University of Toronto Press Custom Publishing. The textbook includes selected readings from: *Through the Lens of Anthropology: An Introduction to Human Evolution and Culture*, Second Edition, by Robert J. Muckle and Laura Tubelle de González; and *Introducing Archaeology*, Third Edition, by Robert J. Muckle and Stacey L. Camp.

You can order a hard copy of the course text or [the e-book version](#) (which provides instant access) through The Book Store at Western. The top one is the hard copy (\$50.95), the bottom one the e-book (\$45).

Other short readings for specific weeks will be posted on the OWL course site.

Evaluation:

Grades will be based on the following:

Weekly Quizzes	10%
2 Assignments (2x15)	30%
5 Labs	25%
Final Exam (multiple choice)	35%

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