

ANTH3011 FDE
Topics in Human Origins
FALL 2021

WHEN IS IT? Tuesdays 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

WHERE IS IT? on Zoom / D2L

WHO TEACHES IT? Dr. Matthew W. Tocheri

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Virtual Office Hours: Wednesdays & Fridays 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm or by appointment

Course Description An introduction to more advanced theoretical concepts and methodological techniques for comparative human and nonhuman primate biology and evolution. Particular emphasis is placed on using the comparative method to test hypotheses about human and nonhuman primate evolution.

Required Textbooks There are no required textbooks for this course. See this site and D2L for assigned weekly readings and/or resources.

Learning Objectives

- 1) Increase your ability to read, comprehend, and critically evaluate primary sources of information related to human evolution;
- 2) Increase your ability to critically think about and discuss ideas about human and nonhuman primate evolution;
- 3) Improve your skills in critical thinking, data analysis, and interpretation;
- 4) Improve your writing skills and your ability to cite sources correctly;
- 5) Prepare yourself for graduate school and/or for entering the workforce.

Evaluation

Your final grade will be based on the following:

Attendance/Participation	8% (0.67% per class [12])
Reading Responses	
Primary Posts	24% (2% per class [12])
Replies/Comments	18% (1.5% per class [12])
Take-home Assignment 1	25% assigned Oct. 19 (after class), due Oct. 26 by 5 pm
Take-home Assignment 2	25% assigned Nov. 23 (after class), due Nov. 30 by 5pm

Submission of assignments via email is encouraged. Alternatively, assignments can be handed in to me personally either during class or in my office/laboratory or, alternatively, to the Anthropology Administrative Assistant in the Anthropology office from 9 am – 12 pm each day. Late assignments without reasonable excuses will be subject to a late penalty of 5% per day.

Important Dates

First Day of Classes	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
Final Day of Classes	Monday, December 6, 2021
Final Date to Register (Add)	Monday, September 20, 2021
Final Date to Withdraw (Drop)	Friday, November 5, 2021
Examination Period	Thursday, Dec. 9 – Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021 (11 days)
Exam Contingency Date	Monday, December 20, 2021
Marks Due	Thursday, December 23, 2021

Please note that Friday, November 5, 2021 is the last date for withdrawal without academic penalty from this course. Students will have received feedback on at least 25% of the course mark by that date.

Students are directed to LU's policy: code of student behaviour and disciplinary procedures that can be found at:

https://www.lakeheadu.ca/sites/default/files/policies_procedures/Student%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20-%20Academic%20Integrity.pdf

All students should familiarize themselves with this policy which covers such misconduct as plagiarism, cheating, and disruption of teaching.

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