

ANTH 3813 WA – Population History of Finland
Department of Anthropology
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Instructor Information

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Course Identification

Course Number: ANTH-3813-WA
Course Name: Population history of Finland
Course Location: ATAC 2020
Class Times: 11:30-1:00 Mondays and Wednesdays
Prerequisites: Former knowledge about human evolution, migrations etc.

Course Description/Overview – This course will teach the students the population history of Finland starting from first potential occupation of Neanderthals all the way through prehistoric times until early 21st century.

Course Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, students will be able to understand how humans evolved and colonized the Europe the first time. How ancient DNA studies have completely revolutionized our understanding about human evolution. Students will be able to identify morphological traits and technological trends that aided humans to adapt to new environments especially in Eurasia. The example of Finland as a geographical area or “nation” will be a good example for students about migration patterns and population replacements we see in all other geographical areas.

Course Resources

Course Website(s) N/A

Required Course Texts

- Readings are provided after each lecture. They are mainly individual research articles on the handled topic.
- The cost of textbooks and learning materials is zero. Materials will be e-mailed to each student as pdf-files after each lecture.

- There are no restrictions that would prevent a student from using a different edition of the textbook or other learning material.

Course Schedule/Outline

Date	Tentative Topic	Readings
Week 1	Introduction + Neanderthals of Susiluola	Schulz et al.
Week 2	Modern humans out of Africa and into Eaurasia	Skoglund et al.
Week 3	Migration Waves in the Mesolithic and Neolithic Periods	
Week 4	The Bronze and Iron Ages in Finland (Varhaismetallikausi)	
Week 5	Agriculture in Prehistoric Finland	
Week 6	The Crusades and Swedish Influence	
Week 7	Between Sweden and Russia	
Week 8	Church Burial Practices	
Week 9	Population Growth, Famine, and Emigration to the New World	
Week 10	Independence and the Civil War	
Week 11	The Winter War and Continuation War	
Week 12	Current Population Genetics	

Assignments and Evaluations

Item	Date	Value
In-class Assignment	24	70
Lab Report(s)	0	
Research Paper	23	
Mid-Term Test	-	
Final Examination	no	
Class attendance/participation	yes	30
Total		100

Late Assignments

Late assignments will automatically receive a 0 however they **will be** reviewed to provide formative evaluation feedback and **must be** submitted for course completion.

Assignments

There is an oral exam after each lecture with 5 questions. Students are also required to read scientific article at home after each lecture and there will be discussion about the paper in question on following lecture.

Course Policies

- Behavioral standards: good and positive behavior required.
- Attendance: all lectures, extra tasks if not attending to an individual lecture
- N/A

- Students can contact me any time they want
- No group work

Academic Integrity Statement:

I understand and agree that:

(1) Unless otherwise allowed by the course instructor, I must complete the assignments in this course without the assistance of anyone else.

(2) Unless otherwise allowed by the course instructor, I must not access any sources or materials (in print, online, or in any other way) to complete any course exam.

I further understand and agree that, if I violate either of these two rules, or if I provide any false or misleading information about my completion of course assignments or exams, I may be prosecuted under the Lakehead University Student Code of Conduct – Academic Integrity, which requires students to act ethically and with integrity in academic matters and to demonstrate behaviours that support the University's academic values.

University Related Requirements

Regulations

It is the responsibility of each student registered at Lakehead University to be familiar with, and comply with all the terms, requirements, regulations, policies and conditions in the Lakehead University [Academic Calendar](#). This includes, but is not limited to, Academic Program Requirements, Academic Schedule of Dates, University and Faculty/School Policies and Regulations and the Fees and Refund Policies and Schedules (Lakehead University Regulations webpage, 7.1.2026).

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A breach of Academic Integrity is a serious offence. The principle of Academic Integrity, particularly of doing one's own work, documenting properly (including use of quotation marks, appropriate paraphrasing and referencing/citation), collaborating appropriately, and avoiding misrepresentation, is a core principle in university study. Students are strongly advised to familiarize themselves with the Student Code of Conduct - Academic Integrity ("[The Code](#)") - and, in particular, **sections 26 and 83 through 85**. Non-compliance with the Code will NOT be tolerated in this course and the Code will be adhered to in terms of disciplinary action. The Code provides a full description of academic offences, procedures when Academic Integrity breaches are suspected and sanctions for breaches of Academic Integrity.

Copyright (Information to consider including for online [asynchronous or synchronous] course delivery to assist in preventing the unauthorized distribution of course materials)

Students should be aware that all instructional, reference, and administrative materials prepared for this course are protected in their entirety by copyright. Students are expected to comply with this copyright by only accessing and using the course materials for personal educational use related to the course, and that the materials cannot be shared in any way, without the written authorization of the course instructor. If this copyright is infringed in anyway, students may be prosecuted under the Lakehead University Student Code of Conduct – Academic Integrity, which requires students to act ethically and with

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Instructors can use the following statement in your mycourselink/D2L site:

Copyright Compliance:

I understand and agree that all instructional, reference, and administrative materials to which I am given access in this course (the "course materials"), whether they consist of text, still or kinetic images, or sound, whether they are in digital or hard copy formats, and in whatever media they are offered, are protected in their entirety by copyright, and that to comply with this copyright and the law

(1) I may access and download the course materials only for my own personal and non-commercial use for this course; and

(2) I am not permitted to download, copy, or store (in any medium) any text, image, or sound component of the course materials for any other purpose whatsoever, or to forward or share, transmit, broadcast, show, post or play in public, adapt, or change in any way any text, image, or sound component of the course materials, except as expressly authorized, and only to the extent authorized, in writing, by the course instructor."

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Supports for Students – there are many resources available to support students. These include but are not limited to:

- [Health and Wellness](#)
- [Student Accessibility Centre](#)
- [Library](#)
- [Academic Support Zone](#)
- [Indigenous Student Services Centre](#)
- [International](#)
- [Student Central](#)

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Mental Health Syllabi Statement

As a university student, you may sometimes experience mental health concerns or stressful events that interfere with your academic performance and negatively impact your daily activities.

All of us can benefit from support during times of struggle. If you or anyone you know experiences academic stress, difficult life events or feelings of anxiety or depression, Student Health and Wellness is here to help. Their services are free for Lakehead Students and appointments are available. You can learn more about confidential mental health services available on and off campus at lakeheadu.ca/shw.

Remember that getting help is a smart and courageous thing to do- for yourself, for those you care about, and for those who care about you. Asking for support sooner rather than later is almost always helpful.

Additional Information**Course Fees**

- N/A

Course Supplies

- NA