

ANTH 111J
Introduction to Physical Anthropology and Archaeology
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Course Content: Archaeology and physical anthropology provide a unique opportunity to examine the development of human society. With their long temporal depth, we can examine how humans, and their ancestors, evolved and populated the entire globe. The nature of modern archaeological and physical anthropological research including topics of hominid evolution, primatology, genetic research, origins of agriculture and civilization and First Nations archaeology will be discussed.

In this section of Anth 111 we will focus on how physical anthropology and archaeology help us think about questions such as:

- What does the study of hominid evolution teach us about what it means to be human?
- Has social inequality always existed? If not, when and why did it first appear?"
- What is "human nature"?
- How did pre-human hominids impact the natural environment? How did technology change the relationship between hominins and their environment? What does this mean for sustainability today?
- Anthropologists say that in a biological sense race does not exist. So why do people experience racism?

Evaluation:

Assignment	Number	Percentage	Total
Quizzes (1-10)	10	3%	30%
Thought Papers	5	6%	30%
Group assignments	5 (out of 6 possible)	2%	10%
Final Exam	1	30%	30%
Total			100%

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Texts and required readings:

Textbook: Ember, Carol R., Melvin Ember, Peter N. Peregrine, Robert D. Hoppa and Kent D. Fowler. 2018. "Physical Anthropology and Archaeology, Fourth Canadian Edition". Don Mills, ON: Pearson.

Other readings are available through the StFX library's on-line holdings. You can access web-based materials, podcasts and videos posted on-line using links on the Anth 111J Moodle site. I will explain how to use these electronic resources during class.

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Course schedule:

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