

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Education and
Wellness, Legal and Protective Services

ANTH 1013 (Introduction to Biological Anthropology)

Catalog Description:

An introduction to the field of physical anthropology using human evolution as a unifying concept. Areas include human genetics, race, speciation, primate evolution and human variation and adaptation.

Prerequisite:

None

Co-requisite:

ANTH 1011L Introduction to Biological Anthropology Lab

Credit Hours/Contact Hours/Load Hours:

3/3/3

Target Audience / Transferability:

Designed as an introduction to physical anthropology, this course is intended for students both in transfer and terminal degrees. It counts toward the natural science requirement for both transfer and terminal Arts and Science students.

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Describe the field of anthropology and discuss the role physical anthropology plays as a sub-discipline.
- Identify the biological variation found in Homo sapiens and their closest biological relatives, the order of primates
- Discuss how term “race” can be seen as a fallacy of modern human variation
- Evaluate how the human fossil record relates to modern human biological variation

Topics:

- Defining Anthropology
- Archeology
- Cultural Anthropology
- Linguistics
- Physical Anthropology
- DNA, Culture, and Evolutionary Theory
- Non-human Primates
- Hominid Evolution

Forms of Assessment:

The Department of Behavioral Sciences is committed to ensuring our students come away from our courses with a good general understanding of the material, and more specifically, achieving the college-wide objectives. (Students can read selections at the appropriate level of education and describe the main idea and supporting details. Students can evaluate written material objectively. Instructors will utilize the course textbook and possible outside readings for a better understanding of each topic). The Assessment Committee determines which of the many college-wide learning outcomes each course is to test. Each discipline decides upon the testing method for the semester.