

Anthropology 2023

Fall Course Information



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Department of Anthropology

Introduction to Anthropology

ANTH 100

*MW 8:30-9:20 + online hybrid | MTHW 210 | Flachs
Distance Learning | Smith*



This course provides an overview of the diverse and dynamic discipline of anthropology. You will learn about: What primate research tells about humans- Six million years of biological, technological, biotechnological, social and cultural evolution- Understanding human biological diversity- Early complex Societies- Religion, ritual, culture, and society-Households, families, and kinship in the past and modern world-The roots of cooperation, conflict, and morality-Appling anthropological knowledge to problem-solving.



Anthropology 201 Introduction to Archaeology & World Prehistory

Fall 2023, Dr. Lindsay, Tue & Thu 4:30-
5:45, STEW 320 CRN22787

Introduction to archaeology and
human prehistory beginning with the
earliest *Homo sapiens* to the
development of agriculture and states.

Illustrated lectures and films focus on methods of
archaeology and case-studies understanding the
most significant events of the human past from
early stone tools to the first civilizations such as
Egypt and the Inca Empire.



University Core – CLA Core – Cornerstone Certificate



This course is an introduction to human social behavior from the perspective of biological anthropology, with special emphasis on human evolution and non-human primates. Topics include cooperation, conflict, communication, learning, maturation, sexuality, parenting and the evolution of complex social systems.

BIOLOGICAL BASES OF HUMAN SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

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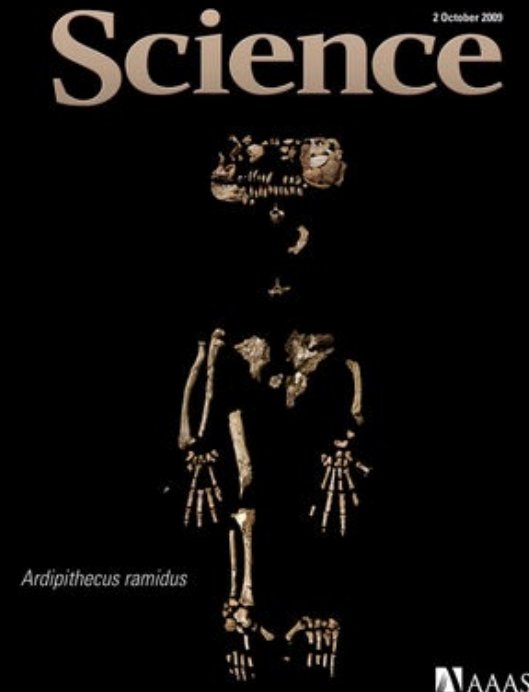
TTH 9:00-10:15

ARMS 1103

Dr. Amanda Veile

ANTH 204: INTRODUCTION TO BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY AND HUMAN EVOLUTION

What makes us human? Is it the use of language, culture, or the fact that we are bipedal? The purpose of this course is to learn evolutionary theory in order to gain a better understanding of the past, present and future of the human species.



Dr. Melanie Beasley, TTH 3:30-4:20, WTHR 172, CRN 11043

ANTH 205

Human Cultural Diversity

Using concepts and models of cultural anthropology, this course will survey the principal cultural types of the world and their distribution, and will undertake a detailed analysis of societies representative of each type.



Instructor	Dates	Time	Room	CRN
Wirtz	MW	2:30-3:20	MTHW 210	48884
TBA	MWF	1:30-2:20	STON 217	18629
Christodoulaki		Distance Learning		59240
Wirtz		Distance Learning		54468
TBA		Distance Learning		16099
TBA		Distance Learning		18619

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ANTH 210: TECHNOLOGY & CULTURE

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MWF 11:30-12:20 STON 217

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CAN WE GEOENGINEER OUR
WAY OUT OF CLIMATE CHANGE?

T&TH 9:00-10:15 HIKS 6980D

WHY WAS THERE A SPACE RACE?

TBA

SHOULD LIFE FORMS BE PATENTED?

MWF 10:30-11:20 STON 215

HAS SOCIAL MEDIA CHANGED US?

REID

WHY ARE PEOPLE AFRAID OF GMOs?

DISTANCE LEARNING

THESE ARE QUESTIONS OF FACT BUT ALSO VALUES, BELIEFS,
INSTITUTIONS, & CULTURE.

THIS COURSE EXAMINES THE WAYS THAT SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SHAPE OUR
EVERYDAY LIVES & OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE FUTURE. WE CONSIDER A
RANGE OF CASES FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF ANCIENT, MODERN, "POST-
MODERN" & IMAGINED SOCIAL WORLDS.

— ALL ARE WELCOME —

Anth. 212: Culture, Food, and Health

- Fall 2023
- TTH 4:30-5:45 STON 217
- Instructor: Dr. Lindshield
- TTH 12:00-1:15 BRNG B268
- Instructor: Dr. Veile
- This course is designed to provide an introduction to the field of Nutritional Anthropology in which we will examine issues related to diet, health and illness from holistic anthropological perspectives.





ANTH 230

Gender Across Cultures

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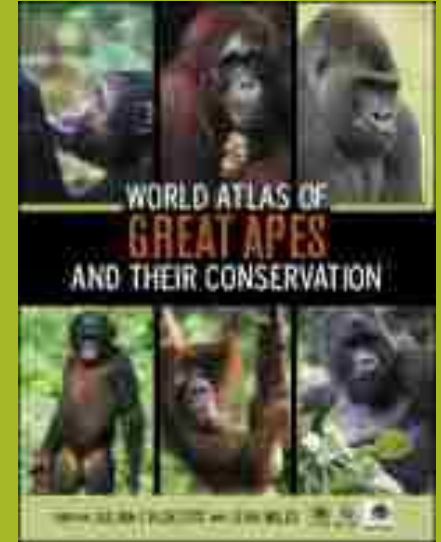
Valdez TTH 4:30-5:45 SCHM 112

Explore gender and sexuality from a cross-cultural perspective. Draws on case studies to explore the complexities of women's and men's lives. Examines gender hierarchies, gender in a globalized world, and the cultural construction of sexuality and gender.



ANTH 235 THE GREAT APES

TTH 1:30-2:45 PHYS 111 Instructor: Dr. Lindshield



Great apes are our closest relatives and highly threatened. Students discuss how ape studies have changed our understanding of what it meant to be human. We explore the role of gender in science and the ethics of habituating wild animals as we examine the writings and work of primatologists. We focus on the current conservation problems apes face and the ways in which their future is linked to our own.



ANTH 307 The Development of Contemporary Anthropology Theory

How did anthropology become the field it is today?

What does it mean to have an anthropological education?

In this class, we will explore:

- Anthropological theory and practice over time
- Trends in our discipline and schools of anthropological thought
- What are the discipline's "big questions" that guide our field?
- How to use your anthropological perspective in launching your career



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Monday, Wednesday 4:30-5:45

STON 217

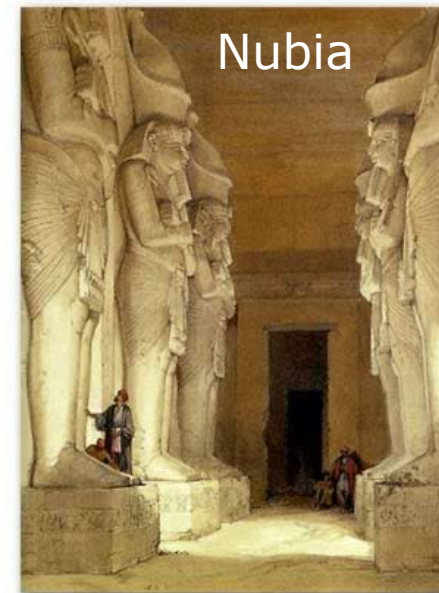
Dr. Zanotti

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ANTH 31200:

Archaeology of Ancient Egypt and the Near East

- Dr. Michele Buzon
- TTH 10:30-11:45 STON 217
- Explore the origin and expansion of civilizations in ancient Egypt and Nubia through the examination of archaeological and historical evidence



ANTH 337

Human Diet: Origins & Evolution

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TTH 12:00-1:15

SCHM 302

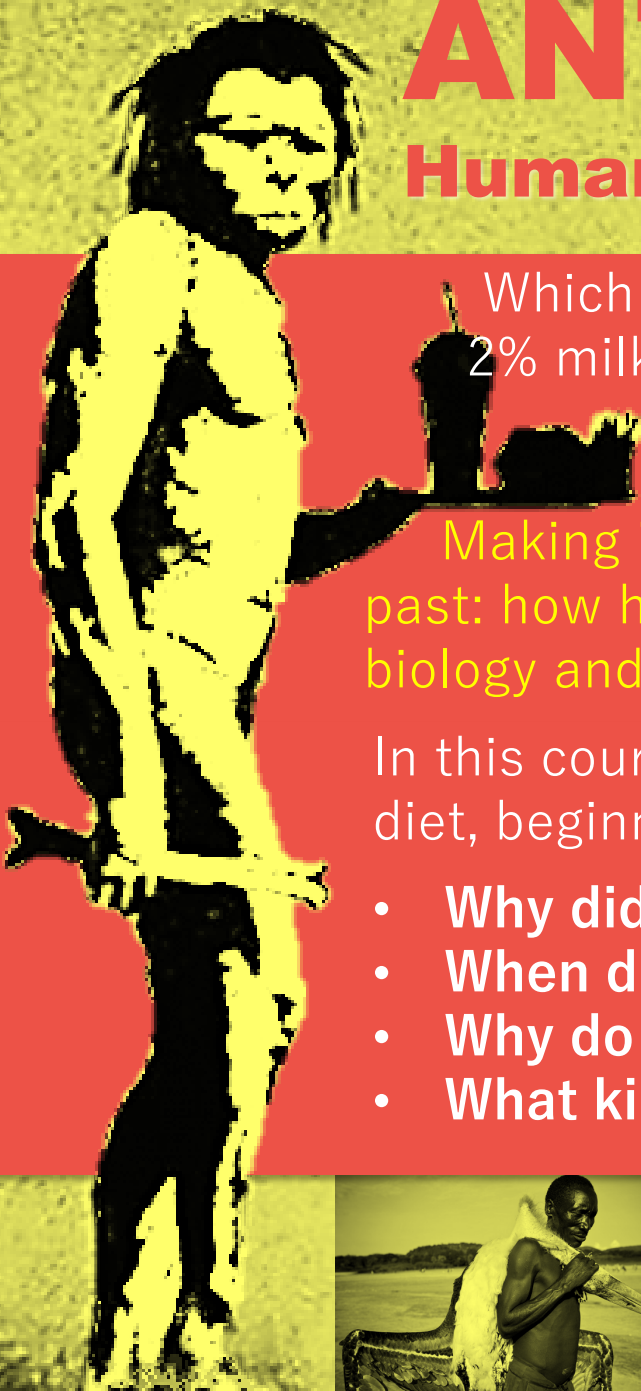
Which is better for your diet? “free-range” or “cage-free” chicken? Skim or 2% milk? Organic or local apples? Should you follow a *paleo diet*? WHY?

**As consumers, we face such questions
everyday.**

Making informed dietary decisions today requires understanding our evolutionary past: how have the foods we consumed for hundreds of generations shaped our biology and influenced our cultural institutions?

In this course, we will examine “**what humans eat and why?**” by reviewing the human diet, beginning with our tree-dwelling ancestors to our grocery shopping present.

- Why did our ancestors begin to eat meat, and when?
- When did our ancestors first begin to cook, and why?
- Why do we farm? And who were the first farmers?
- What kind of diet(s) have we as a species evolved to eat?



Dr. Melanie Beasley



ANTH 340 GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON HEALTH

Dr. Rubaii | TTH 3:00-4:15 | STON 217

Dr. Wirtz | MW 12:30-1:20 | STON 217/Hybrid

TBA | MWF 9:30-10:20 | STON 215

Dr. Christodoulaki | MW 10:30-11:20 | BRNG 1245/Hybrid

This course examines health issues and risks faced by individuals around the world, but especially in resource poor geographical areas. We will explore in-depth the gendered, ethnic, cultural, and class dimensions that underlie the patterning of disease and illness worldwide.

ANTH 341
CULTURE AND PERSONALITY
MYRDENE ANDERSON
TTH 12:00-1:15 STON 217

A cross-cultural survey of the interplay between, and of the processes linking, culture and adult personality. Attention will focus on childrearing practices and birth order; the social construction of "self", ethnicity, gender; affect, emotion, sensation, perception, cognition; economies and ecologies; epigenetics, microbiomes, culture-bound syndromes, and cross-cultural psychology; and the perils of stereotyping.

Inquires into how people understand (or at least acknowledge) the similarities and differences among themselves and others, in their matrices of particular historical sociocultures, their psychologies, their languages, their cosmologies, and even their biologies, near and far in space and time. How do sociocultures and psychologies change and/or remain the same, through “accident” (semiotic evolution) and “necessity” (semiotic development)? What enabling and limiting constraints shape our individual and collective insertion in these vast yet nondeterministic systems?

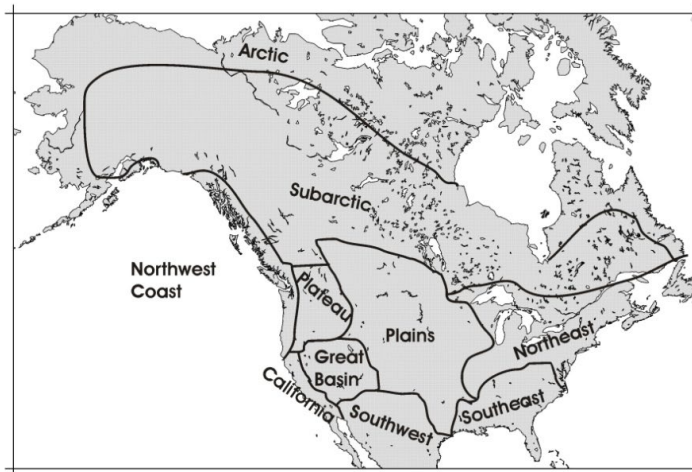
Stereotypes about both culture and personality will not likely entirely disappear by any application of relativism. Nonetheless, the situation inclusive of stereotypes presents an opportunity to argue against spurious judgment and linear deterministic thinking. Culture and personality feed into and out of each other. One among many windows on such processes lies in child-rearing practices, coming full-circle. Finally, we will digest and dismiss the so-called nature-nurture “debate”.

Anthropology 379

Native American Cultures



This course introduces students to the numerous and diverse Native American Cultures in North America. Topics include but are not limited to: identity; the relationship between technology, the environment and spirituality; relations with European colonizers; land and subsistence rights; and the legal position of Native people in the U.S. and Canada today.



Prof. Cooper
MW 12:30-1:20 +
online hybrid
KRAN G016



DESIGN INNOVATION

WHAT IS IT?

ANTH 38400 is a 3-credit course about human-centered design. You will spend time observing, asking questions, and listening to a user group to better represent their views, and recommend innovative design solutions.

“It is a fun course with a real world application, focusing on...a mindset, that employers are looking for.”

- Former class student

Dr. Briller/Kelley

MW Lecture 12:30-1:20 WALC 2088 & Lab M 1:30-3:20 WALC 2088

Dr. Renkert/Kelley

MW Lecture 9:30-10:20 UNIV 019 & Lab M 10:30-12:20 UNIV 019

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

You will work in collaborative teams to:

- hone critical thinking and problem scoping skills
- develop creative solutions
- mock-up design ideas
- combine social science and technology thinking
- create a better designed, more inclusive world for people

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

Dr. Sherylyn Briller
Department of Anthropology
sbriller@purdue.edu

ANTH 385

Community Engagement

Dr. Sarah Renkert

TTH 10:30 - 11:45 am || SCHM 302

This course introduces students to community engaged and participatory research in sociocultural anthropology. In this course, students will work with a community partner to develop a research question, conduct ethnographic research, analyze data, and present research findings. In addition to methods training and a hands-on research experience, students will dive into the ethical, historical, and theoretical considerations necessary for conducting participatory ethnographic research.



Anthropology of Asia & the Asian Diaspora

WITH DR. DADA DOCOT

Course	ANTH 392	Term	Fall 2023
CRN	18808	Schedule	TTh 9-10:15 AM, PHYS 111

This course introduces the diversity of Asia and its peoples at home and in the diaspora. Through fiction, ethnography, films, and art, students will reflect on race, sex, power, migration, etc., that shape perceptions about Asia and Asians. Students will have the opportunity to develop their interests and creative practices by engaging with the course materials in their preferred form: poetry, illustration, short video, text-based response, etc.

Everyone Welcome!



ANTH 392: Medicine, Science, and Culture

This is an **introductory course open to all majors!** We will explore the intersections of medicine, science, and culture as powerful shapers of our lives and world. Anthropology is a holistic study of human experience that helps explain how our biology, beliefs, and social contexts inform what health, illness, and well-being mean in diverse contexts around the world. Students will survey many topics and gain skills for applying anthropological perspectives through a semester-long project.

Tu/Th
1:30-2:45pm
Stone 217

**Meets requirements for
Anthropology's new
Health concentration!**

ANTH 410- SENIOR CAPSTONE IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Culminating experience required for all anthropology majors. Course synthesizes four-field anthropology coursework and training and discusses academic/career options that benefit from anthropological training. Major elements of the course will include the synthesis paper and presentation, senior portfolio, and professional development. CRN-15187



ANTH 507
Theory in Sociocultural
Anthropology
Tuesday 11:30-2:20
STON 154
Dr. Zanotti

The course uses a broad cross-cultural comparative perspective to identify and analyze the major forms of human social organization. Emphasis is on kinship terminology, descent, marriage, residence units, economic exchange, political structure, and social inequality. (CRN-51276)

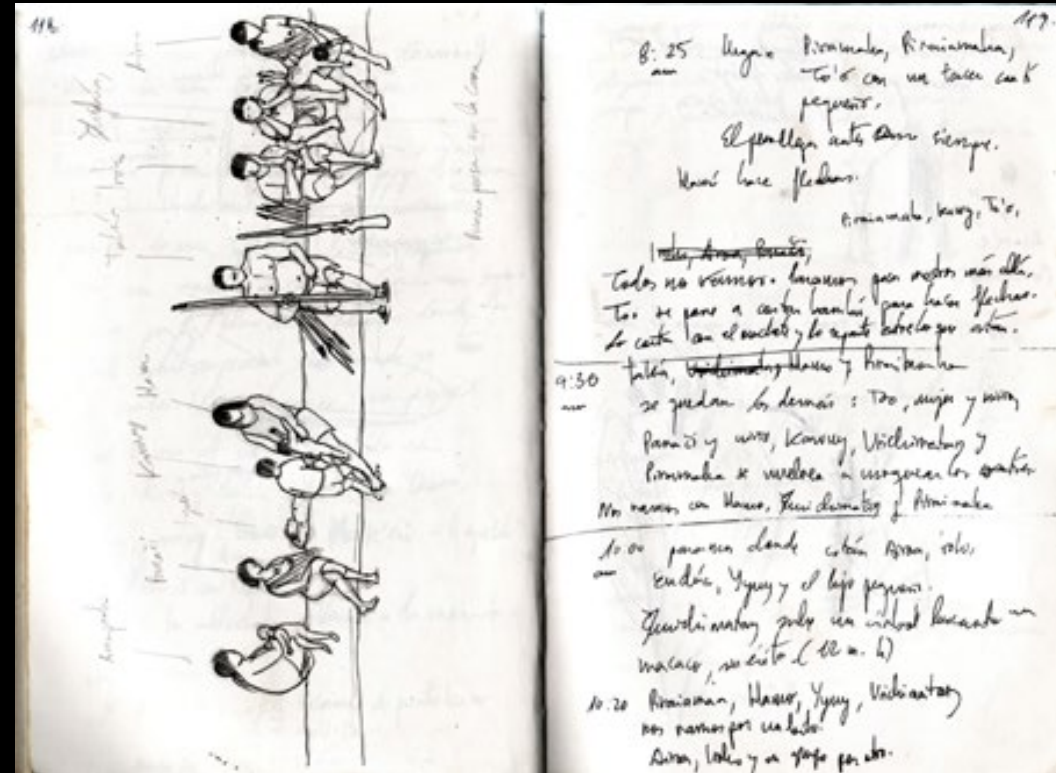


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ANTH 514 / LING 598 [Proxy for ANTH 414] ANTHROPOLOGICAL LINGUISTICS

FALL 2023 Tu+Th 3:00-4:15 STONE HALL 154

PREREQUISITE-Any course or informed interest in language and culture. For further information **Myrdene Anderson—49-44687, myanders@purdue.edu**

OBJECTIVES—

After surveying the philosophy, evolution, structure, function, content, and varieties of human communication and signification, this course focuses on:

- (1) the role of language in all sociocultural research; and
- (2) the types of research on and with language and languages and linguistics, as these are realized in, and realizing, culture, society, and cognition.

Special emphasis is given to the nature and uses of classification in general, on universal patterns evident in languages and languaging, on translation and translatability, and on the nondeterminate properties of emergence in dynamical systems generally.

TOPICAL SYNOPSIS—

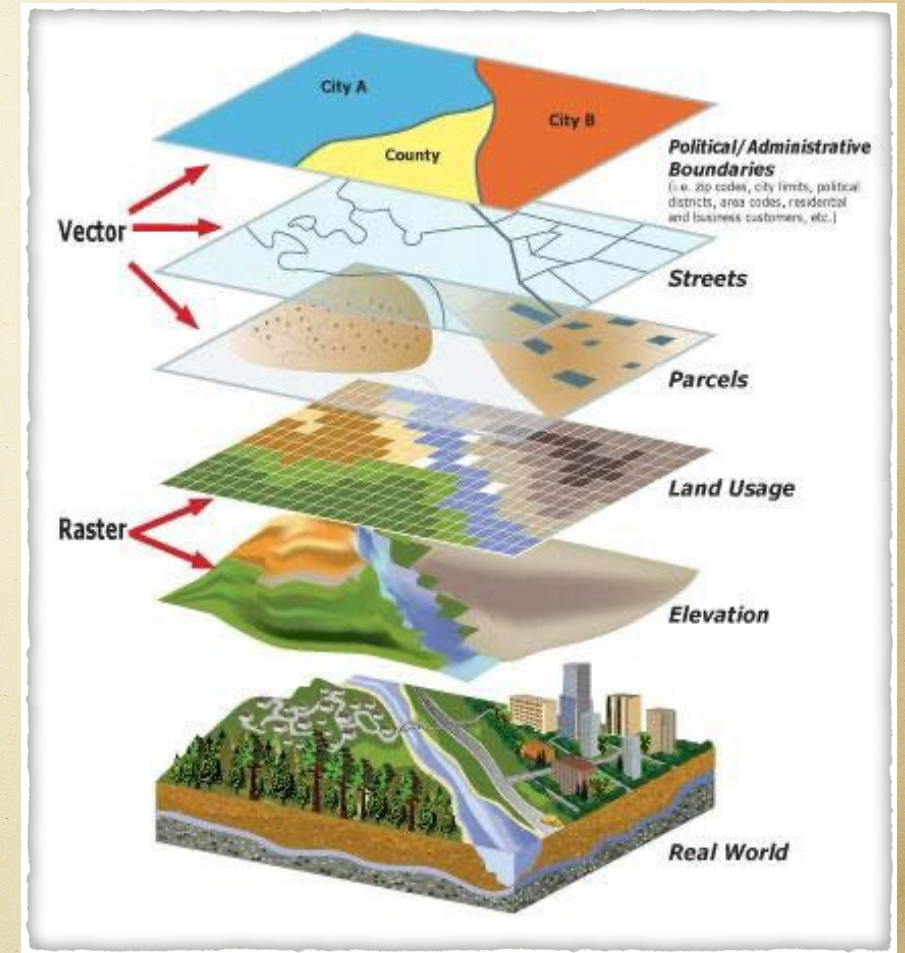
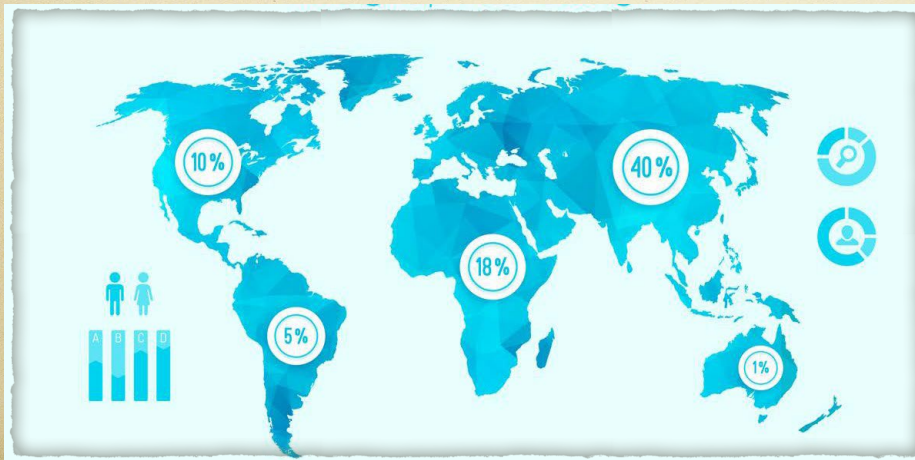
Ontogeny and phylogeny of language and speech; Continuity and change; Socioculturolinguistic construction of 'of 'reality', 'subjectivity', 'objectivity', and 'power'; Orality and literacy; Relativity and universality in language, culture, and cognition; Semiotic considerations of induction, deduction, abduction, and the behavior of signs.

ANTH 523: GIS for Humanities and Social Science Research

➤ Tues/Thurs 10:30-11:45, WALC 3045 (CRN# 18846)

➤ Instructor: Prof. Ian Lindsay

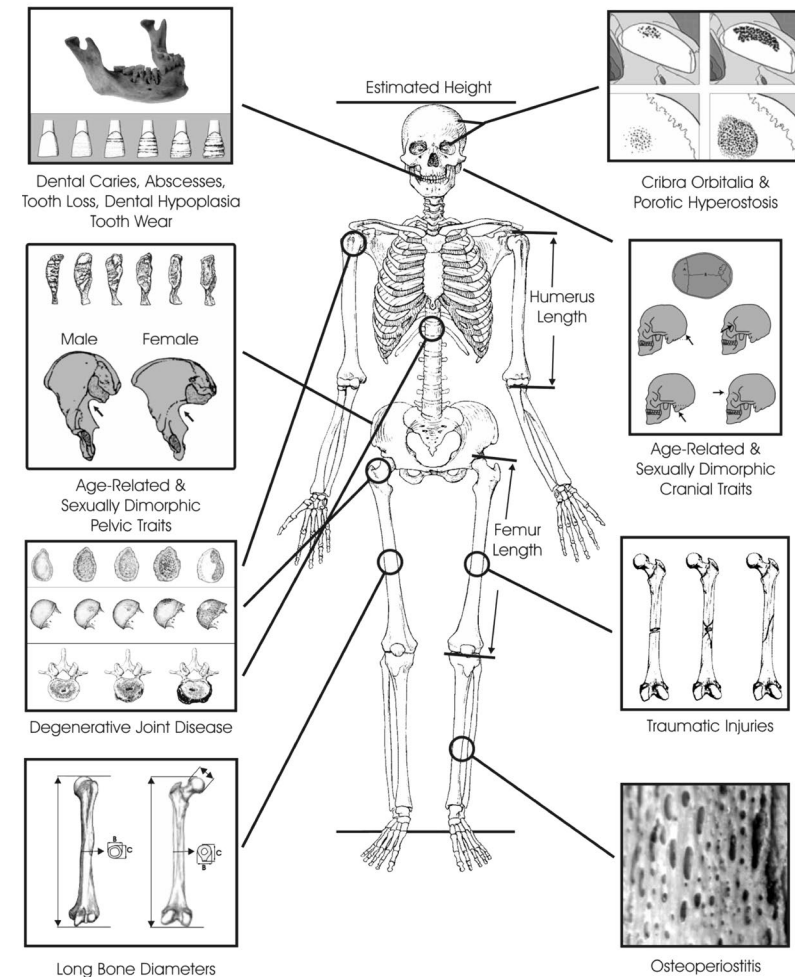
➤ This course will introduce you to the skills of spatial thinking, basic functions of Geography Information Systems (GIS), and spatial research methods that are relevant to humanities, social science, and related fields. The course will start with introduction to basic GIS concepts and technology, then move onto GIS applications in the research process, including research design, data collection, management, visualization, and basic spatial analysis techniques. Practical work will be completed using ArcGIS Pro software.



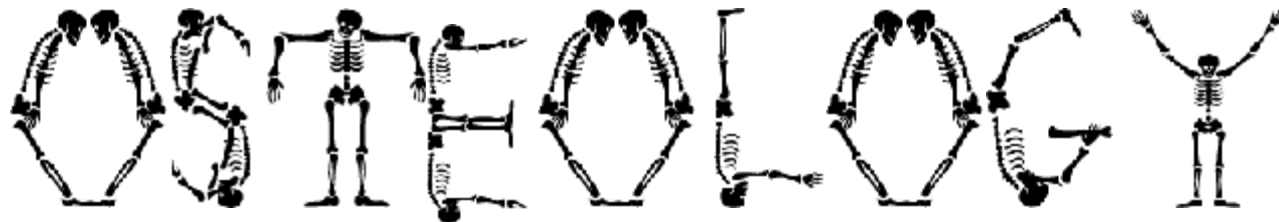
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Anth 534: Human Osteology

- Dr. Michele Buzon
- TTH 1:30-2:45, STON 154
- Learn about
 - Human skeletal anatomy
 - Identification of bone fragments
 - Reconstruction of age/sex, ancestry, growth, health, nutrition, and biocultural adaptation



Fulfills credit for the Forensic Science Minor



Anth 204 required

ANTH 589 (590)/MSE 597A: Archaeology and Materials Science

This course provides instruction in the methods and theories used by archaeologists and materials scientists to study ancient and historic technology. The course will focus on the analysis and interpretation of archaeological artifacts such as ceramics and metals and provide opportunities for hands-on learning. Course will meet with Materials Science Engineering 597A. Limited to graduate and junior and senior undergraduates. Instructor permission required. For additional information contact Prof. Cooper at hkcooper@purdue.edu

Lecture MW 3:30-4:20 STON 154 Lab Fri. 2:30-4:20 STON 154

Anthropology ProSeminar

ANTH 592P

Wednesday 9:30-11:20

STON 217

Instructor: Melissa Remis

Open to first and second
year Anthropology
Grad Students



ANTH 640 FOUNDATIONS AND FRAMEWORK: APPLYING ANTHROPOLOGY

Tuesday
1:30-4:20
LILY 1101
INSTRUCTOR: Nyssa

This course focuses on using anthropology to address social issues. The course examines topics including: the history of anthropologists working in applied settings, the relationship between theory and practice, professional ethics, job opportunities, and skills needed as anthropological practitioners. CRN-15202

ANTH 64200 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: ANTHROPOLOGY KNOWLEDGE

- This course is about using and communicating anthropological knowledge. We will discuss what it means to work as an anthropologist and “public intellectual”. Effectively working with stakeholders, presenting information, offering solutions for addressing problems and implementing change are addressed.
CRN-19004
- Monday, 11:30-2:20
- STON 154
- Instructor: Flachs