BSC 497 – Human Evolution

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Course description: The objective of this course is to develop a proper understanding of the evolution of humans.

Student Learning Outcomes:
1. The student can explain the position of Homo sapiens in the Order Primates.
2. The student can explain the morphology of Homo erectus.

Grading
Exam 1 50 points
Exam 2 50 points
Exam 3 50 points
FINAL Comprehensive EXAM 100 points
Term paper 50 points
Total 300 points

A >270
B 240-269
C 210-239
D 180-209


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**Schedule (Tentative)**

Natural Selection (1)

Genetics

Modern Synthesis

Speciation

Primate Diversity

Primate mating Systems

Evolution of Cooperation

Primate Life Histories

From Tree Shrew to Ape

From Hominoid to Hominin

Toolmakers and Human Life History

Hominin to Homo

Evolution of modern human behavior

Human gegetic variation

Evolution of Human Behavior

Human mate choice and parenting

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**Attendance and Absences:** You are expected to attend ALL scheduled lectures and labs and take the exams as scheduled. You will be held responsible for all information covered in lecture. Sign-in sheets will be circulated; please sign your name clearly. Do not sign anyone’s name but your own… signing in for someone else is a form of academic dishonesty and will not be tolerated. Excessive unexcused absences will result in loss of points from your grade. For each five unexcused absences a reduction of ten (10) points will be subtracted from your final grade.

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Final Exam Schedule:

http://web.tamucommerce.edu/admissions/registrar/academicCalendars/finalExamSchedule.aspx