

Physical Anthropology Lab Syllabus

Biology/Anthropology 2700 – Spring 2026

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Requirements:

- **Text:** Lab Manual and Workbook for Physical Anthropology, 8th Ed. – Diane L. France • Computer with internet access.

Attendance Policy:

- Lab Meetings will be in-person.
- Attendance in weekly meetings is **mandatory**.
- **NOTE:** Students may change the lab section in which they are registered by using the online registration site up to the scheduled add/drop deadline. After this date, students must attend the lab in which they are registered and may not attend a different section.
- The lab = 40% of the lecture grade.
- If a student anticipates missing a lab due to conflict with a University sponsored activity, the student must inform the TA in advance by email. A letter from the student's may be required. Student is still responsible for missed quizzes and assignments due to absence,

Lab exercises / Study questions

- Required lab manual readings and quizzes must be completed BEFORE lab meetings.
- A weekly assignment will be given with an in class and homework components. The in-class component will be done on paper and will reference material available in lab. The homework component will be completed on the same worksheet but will reference material in the lab manual.
- No late lab exercises accepted without appropriate documentation.

Field Trip

- There will be a field trip to the Fort Worth zoo worth 40 points. Those who cannot make the field trip will need to complete the alternate essay assignment (AI use is prohibited).

Optional Final Exam

There will be an optional Final exam worth 20 points toward the lab total.

Policy on Disability Accommodations

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at <http://www.unt.edu/oda>. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

Academic Integrity Policy

Academic Integrity Standards and Consequences. According to UNT Policy 06.003, Student Academic Integrity, academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University.

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WEEK OF	Lab #	TOPIC	CHAPTER
12 Jan		Lab Rules & Basics	
19 Jan	1	Skeletal Anatomy pt 1 Cranial Anatomy	3
26 Jan	2	Skeletal Anatomy pt 2 Postcranial & Population Affinity	3 and 13
02 Feb	3	Human Skeletal Variation: Sex Assessment	15
09 Feb	4	Human Skeletal Variation: Age Estimation	15
16 Feb	5	Human Skeletal Variation: Ancestry & Stature	14 and 15
23 Feb	6	Skeletal Form and Locomotion	6 and 8(text)
02 March	7	Biological Classification & Introduction to Living Primates pt 1	5 and 7
09 March		Spring Break	
16 March	8	Living Primates pt 2	8 (text)
23 March		Zoo Field Trip* NO LABS	
30 March	9	Early Evolution of Primates	9
06 April	10	Miocene Hominoid Evolution LAST DAY TO DROP WITH A "W" (10 April)	10
13 April	11	Early Hominins: Australopithecines	11
20 April	12	The Genus Homo	12
27 April		Lab Makeup by appt only	

*Weather permitting; no labs this week & only one lecture day

GRADING	
1 Zoo Trip/ alt. assign.	@ 40 points
12 Quizzes	@ 10 points each
12 lab exercises	@ 20 points each
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	= 400 points

NOTE:

- **YOU MUST PASS THE LAB TO PASS THE COURSE!**
- The FINAL EXAM is optional and can add up to 20 points to your point total.
- Jan 14: Last day for schedule change • April 10: Last day to drop or withdraw