

Module Details

Module Title:	Biological Anthropology: From Human Evolution to Forensic Anthropology
Module Code:	ARC4021-B
Academic Year:	2019-20
Credit Rating:	20
School:	School of Archaeological and Forensic Sciences
Subject Area:	Archaeology
FHEQ Level:	FHEQ Level 4
Pre-requisites:	
Co-requisites:	

Contact Hours

Type	Hours
Lectures	23
Seminar	1
Laboratory	24
Directed Study	152

Availability

Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 1 (Sep - Jan)

Module Aims

This module aims to introduce students to the study of the biological anthropology, including human evolution and the analysis of archaeological and modern human skeletal remains.

Outline Syllabus

The module introduces the students to the context of human evolutionary studies, including basic genetics and an introduction to primatology. Primate and human evolution is presented with detailed information on physical changes and the importance of technological advances that affected human evolution. Students are introduced to the variability of modern humans and

how this is employed in establishing biological identity. The ethical debates surrounding the analysis of human remains are introduced.

Learning Outcomes

1	Describe the basic pattern of human evolution and biological variation.
2	Understand the process of how humans and other primates respond to environmental stress and opportunities
3	Recognise basic skeletal features and relate them to function and biological identity

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Lectures provide students with background knowledge. Laboratory sessions encourage students to put this knowledge into practice and develop independent observation and thinking. A seminar allows students to debate ethical issues surrounding the analysis of human remains.

There is a formal multiple choice exam, a short essay, and a short answer (mid-term) test.

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting
Summative	Examination - closed book	Exam	1.5 hours	50%
Referral	Examination - closed book	Exam	1.5 hours	100%
Summative	Coursework	Essay	-1200 words	40%
Summative	Classroom test	Mid-term test	20 minutes	10%

Reading List

To access the reading list for this module, please visit <https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html>.

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