

**Course:** ANT 125  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisite:** None

**Course Title:** Exploring Our Human Ancestry  
**Department:** Sociology & Anthropology

**General Education Area:**  
HUMAN CULTURES - Social & Behavioral Sciences (*GEC 110*)

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**Typically Offered During:**

Fall Full Semester:	YES	Fall 1 <sup>st</sup> Block:	NO	Fall 2 <sup>nd</sup> Block:	NO
Spring Full Semester:	YES	Spring 1 <sup>st</sup> Block:	NO	Spring 2 <sup>nd</sup> Block:	NO
Summer:	NO				

**Typical Instructional Modality:**

Traditional (seated):	YES	Blended:	NO	Internet:	YES
Online Video:	NO	Web Conference:	NO		

**May Also Count Toward Department Offering:**

Major:	YES	Minor:	YES	Certificate:	NO
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*Please see online published semester class schedule and undergraduate catalog for detailed course offering information.*

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***How do you describe the course to students when they ask “What is this class about?” (Without using the catalog description)?***

The class covers humans over the past six million years, from the time our ancestors first stood up through ancient civilizations like Egypt and the Maya. Along the way, we discuss the nature of science, how evolution has shaped our species and created modern diversity across the globe, what we learn by studying other primates, major turning points (like the development of language, tool use, religion, and social life), the migration of humans to all parts of the globe, the beginning of farming, the ways we have shaped the natural world, and the world’s first cities and empires.

***Beyond meeting a General Education requirement, what benefits can students realize from choosing this course?***

This course introduces students to new perspectives on what it means to be human, who we are as a species, and who we are as groups of people sharing unique pasts that shape our modern cultures. The class will be valuable to anyone interested in anthropology or archaeology, and any student pursuing a degree or career related to the human past, the natural world, or modern human biological and cultural diversity.

***Other than your major/minor/certificate students, what groups of students could find this course relevant to their degree program or career path?***

The students that find Anthropology 125 most relevant are those studying the human past, modern human diversity, and human interaction with the natural world. This includes students pursuing degrees in history, the social sciences, social studies education, the biomedical sciences, archaeology, paleontology, geology, geography, museum studies, wildlife conservation, wildlife biology, and forestry.

***Catalog Description (Fall 2022 Undergraduate Catalog)***

This course explores what it means to be human by tracing our biological and cultural roots. Topics include the evolutionary process; our place among the living primates; fossil and archaeological evidence of human ancestors; and the origins of language, society, and culture.