

# GE CRITERIA APPROVAL FORM

Course Number and Title: **ANTH 103 Human Beginnings: Biological and Cultural Evolution**

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**Indicate which of the following categories would be satisfied by this course by marking an “X” on the appropriate lines.** Courses may be placed in up to two GE categories as appropriate. Upper Division Interdisciplinary GE courses may be placed in two categories plus the UDIGE category.

	A1: Oral Communication
	A2: English Writing
	A3: Critical Thinking
	B1: Physical Sciences
	B2: Life Sciences
	B3: Mathematics
	B4: Computers and Technology
	C1: Fine Arts
	C2: Literature
	C3: Languages & Cultures
X	D: Social Perspectives
	E: Human Psychological & Physiological Perspectives
	Upper Division Interdisciplinary GE

Lab Included? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Please provide a brief explanation of how the proposed course meets each of the criteria for the selected General Education categories.

ANTH 103 examines human biological and cultural evolution from 6 million years ago to the present using archaeological and physical anthropology. How and when did we become human? What physical and cultural adaptations were necessary as we spread across the Earth? How did hunters and gatherers become sedentary horticulturalists and pastoralists? What role did humans play in the domestication of plants and animals? *GenED D*.

**Category D Social Perspectives:** The course provides a broad understanding of the human experience and relevant social issues in the contemporary world by examining human biological evolution as well as how different cultures have developed through time their art, social organization, economics, subsistence, environmental adaptation, etc. Students are exposed to the methods and theories in social sciences generally, and specifically within anthropology.

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- Outline the major trends in human evolution.
- Discuss the mechanisms of evolution in general and specifically how they apply to human evolution.
- Describe the cultural adaptations humans have made through time.

Hence we feel that this course meets each of the criteria in GE Category **D**.