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Paleoanthropology 215 (ANA 215)

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| Qualification | Undergraduate |
| Faculty | Faculty of Health Sciences |
| Module credits | 12.00 |
| Programmes | BSc Medical Sciences |
| Service modules | Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences |
| Prerequisites | No prerequisites. |
| Contact time | 2 lectures per week, 1 practical per week |
| Language of tuition | Module is presented in English |
| Department | Anatomy |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 |

Module content

Introduction to paleoanthropology, focusing on hominid fossil record, principles of evolution, principles of heredity, human variation, introduction to primatology, hominid taxonomy, time-frames and dating methods, fossilisation and taphonomy, trends in hominid evolution, hominid sites. Australopithecus, homo habilis, homo erectus, homo sapiens neanderthalensis, the origin of anatomically modern human beings, DNA studies, palaeo-environments, hominid diets, introduction to the development of culture, South African populations, human adaptation and modernisation.

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