



# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

## Paleoanthropology 215 (ANA 215)

**Qualification** Undergraduate

**Faculty** [Faculty of Health Sciences](#)

**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.

**Module credits** 12.00

**Programmes** [BSc Medical Sciences](#)

**Service modules** Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

**Prerequisites** ANA 122 and GTS 161

**Contact time** 1 practical per week, 2 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Anatomy

**Period of presentation** Semester 1

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