Meeting Times and Place
Lecture: MWF 10:10 – 11:00 am, 250 SS (RRS Physical Anthropology Lab)
Lab: Times TBA, 250 SS (RRS Physical Anthropology Lab)

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Goals and Purpose
This course involves the detailed examination of the elements of the human skeleton with an emphasis on identifying individual bones and their structures. The application of such knowledge will be specifically extended to fragmentary skeletal elements. The goal of learning such information is for application to specific scientific questions regarding the individuals or populations represented by the skeletal material under investigation. Therefore, the student will also be familiarized with the basic methods of skeletal analysis during application in the classroom and lab setting.

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be
- able to identify and side (left, right, midline) the individual elements of the human skeleton
- able to identify the anatomical structures of individual elements
- able to identify fragmentary bones
- familiar with the basic methods of skeletal analysis

Course Structure (Or What To Expect From This Class)
This class is an intensive and detailed bone identification course with an introduction to basic methods of skeletal analysis. Skeletal material from archaeological and forensic contexts is often fragmentary making it is necessary to identify elements based on anatomical minutiae. Classroom lecture is designed to cover the individual bones and their landmarks, while lab time allows you to practice what you have learned. This course also has a required lab component and you are expected to spend at least two (2) hours in lab each week. This will benefit you immensely as you cannot learn this material from a book or lecture alone - there is no substitute for direct interaction with the skeletal material. I cannot stress how spending adequate time in the lab is critical to your success in this class - not only do you need to learn all the bones, their landmarks, and how to identify side, but you need to develop an appreciation for the wide range of individual variation in the human skeleton. In an effort to meet this need, at least four (4) lab periods are offered per week. A finalized lab schedule will be available on 8/28.

Course Information And Requirements
Required Texts:

**Recommended Text:**

**Grading**
Grades will be based on points earned on five (5) quizzes, a comprehensive final exam, three (3) mini-projects and lab attendance (total of 500 points). A summary of the grading structure is provided below (Quizzes 1-4 have 25 stations, Quiz 5 has 33 stations).

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<td>Quiz 1</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>Friday, Sept 13</td>
<td>Bones only (2 questions per station)</td>
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<td>Quiz 2</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>Friday, Oct 4</td>
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<td>Quiz 4</td>
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<td>Quiz 5</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>Friday, Dec 6</td>
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<td>Final Exam</td>
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<td>Fri, 12/13, 8:00-10:00 am</td>
<td>Written questions, cumulative</td>
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<td>Mini-projects</td>
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<td>Three (3) mini-projects, each worth 25 points</td>
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**Quizzes - 60%** - The quizzes will focus on bone, side, and feature/morphology identifications. Each quiz will have stations (boxes/trays) with 2 or 3 questions per station (see above for details). The quizzes will last 50 minutes and we will have two quiz sessions: first at 10:10 and a second at 11:00.

**Final Exam - 15%** - Comprehensive written exam will be administered during the regular finals period, Friday, Dec 13, 8:00-10:00 am.

**Mini-projects - 15%** - There will be three mini-projects during the course of the semester. These projects involve application of techniques for skeletal analysis.

**Lab Attendance - 10%** - You will need to attend lab for at least 2 hours each week and this will be documented by an attendance log. To earn 50 points, you will need to meet the lab attendance requirement for 12 weeks. To earn 45 points, you will need to meet the lab attendance requirement for 11 weeks. To earn 40 points, you will need to meet the lab attendance requirement for 10 weeks. To earn 35 points, you will need to meet the lab attendance requirement for 9 weeks. To earn 30 points, you will need to meet the lab attendance requirement for 8 weeks. If you do not meet the lab attendance requirement for at least 8 weeks of the semester, you will not receive any of the lab attendance points.

**Extra Credit Opportunities** - There will be several extra credit opportunities throughout the semester.

**Your final grade** will be determined using this scale: A = 100-92%, A- = 91-90%, B+ = 89-87%, B = 86-82%, B- = 81-80%, C+ = 79-77%, C = 76-72%, C- = 71-70%, D = 69-60%, F = <59%.
# Course Schedule

*The White text is abbreviated as W; Bass is abbreviated as B; and Stone and Stone is abbreviated as SS.*

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<td>M-Lecture 1  Introduction to course and Phys Anth Lab</td>
<td>W Ch 1; B Ch 1, App 2</td>
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<td>W-Lecture 2  Anatomical terms &amp; bone biology  SS Ch 2</td>
<td>W Ch 2, 3; B Ch 1, App 1</td>
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<td>F-Lecture 3  Introduction to the skull Frontal</td>
<td>W Ch 4:43-59; B Ch 2:31-36</td>
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<td><strong>Week 2 (Sept 1 – 5)</strong></td>
<td>W Ch 4:60-63; B Ch 2:36-37</td>
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<td>No class Monday, Sept 2 (Labor Day)</td>
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<td>W-Lecture 4  Parietals, Occipital</td>
<td>W Ch 4:64-66, 71-75; B Ch 2:37-42 SS 53</td>
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<td>F-Lecture 5  Temporals</td>
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<td>W Ch 4:87-91; B Ch 2: 44-45 SS 55-56</td>
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<td>M-Lecture 6  Sphenoid</td>
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<td>W-Lecture 7  Catch-up &amp; Open Lab</td>
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<td>M-Lecture 8  Maxillae, nasals</td>
<td>W Ch 4: 85-86, 91-95</td>
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<td>W-Lecture 9  Zygomatics, mandible</td>
<td>B Ch 2:50-54; SS 54, 60, 62-63</td>
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<td>F-Lecture 10  Goals of skeletal analysis</td>
<td>W Chs 17, 18, 21</td>
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<td><strong>Week 5 (Sept 22 – 26)</strong></td>
<td>WCh 4:82-84,78-81, 71</td>
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<td>M-Lecture 11  Ethmoid, lacrimals, palatines, vomer inferior nasal concha, auditory ossicles</td>
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<td>W-Lecture 12  Dentition I (incisors &amp; canines)</td>
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<td>F-Lecture 13  Dentition II (premolars)</td>
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Week 6 (Sept 29–Oct 3)

M- Lecture 14  Dentition III (molars)

W-Lecture 15  Sex and ancestry estimation from the skull
Cranio metrics/sex & ancestry estimation

QUIZ 2 - Friday, Oct 3

Week 7 (Oct 6 –10)

M-Lecture 16  Hyoid, intro to vertebrae, cervical verts

W-Lecture 17  Thoracic and lumbar verts

F-Lecture 18  Sacrum & coccyx

Week 8 (Oct 13 –17)

M-Lecture 19  Sternum & ribs

W-Lecture 20  Clavicle & scapula

F-Lecture 21  Humerus

Week 9 (Oct 20 –24)

M-Lecture 22  Radius & ulna

W-Lab  Catch-up & Open Lab

QUIZ 3 - Friday, Oct 24

Week 10 (Oct 27 — Oct 31)

M-Lecture 23  The Hand & Carpals 1

W-Lecture 24  Carpals 2

F-Lecture 25  Metacarpals & phalanges

Readings*

W Ch 5, App 2; B Ch 4

W Ch 18: 408-415, 421-424,
B Ch 2:81-88
W Ch 4: 54-59, 96-97, Ch 6: 339-341;
B Ch 2:61-81, 88-92

W Ch 6:129-139; B Ch 2: 60-61, Ch 3:93-101

W Ch 6:139-147; B Ch3:101-105

W Ch 7; B Ch3:110-113, 132-144

W Ch 8; B Ch 3:115-131
SS 58, 106, 108, 113

W Ch 9:175-184; B Ch 3:145-159
SS 106, 110, 111, 114, 119, 124

W Ch 9:184-198; B Ch 3:160-175
SS 110, 130, 135-140

W Ch 10:199-208; B Ch 3:175-183

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W Ch 10:209-218; B Ch 3:183-192
Week 11 (Nov 3 – 7)
M-Lecture 26  Os coxa

W-Lecture 27  Femur & patella

F-Lab  Open Lab

Week 12 (Nov 10 – 14)
M- Lecture 28  Tibia & fibula

W-Lab  Open Lab

Quiz 4 – Friday, Nov 14

Week 13 (Nov 17 – 21)
M-Lecture 29  PC age & sex estimation

W-Lecture 30  Tarsals

F-Lecture 31  Metatarsals & phalanges

Week 14 (Nov 24 – 28)
M-Lecture 32  Postcranial osteometrics
& Stature estimation

B see individual bone

No Classes, Wed, Nov 26 and Fri, Nov 28 (Thanksgiving Holidays)

Week 15 (Dec 1 – 5)
M-Lecture 33  Pathological conditions

W-Lab  Open Lab

QUIZ 5 – Fri, Dec 5

Week 16 – Finals Week (Dec 8 – 12)
Comprehensive Final Exam – Thursday, Dec 11, 8:00 – 10:00 am