

Course Expectations Planning Guide

Social Studies

576 Anthropology

Please Note: All listed information is intended to provide a general guideline for students in planning their course load. All information provided will vary according to the individual study needs and academic motivation. Events and responsibilities may vary year-to-year.

Time Commitment

1-2 hours per week

Standard Responsibilities

This course examines what it means to be human and the methods humans use to reach these conclusions. In order to explore possible answers to this issue, this course will be broken down into four main areas of study: (1) Primatology, the study of primates for what they can tell us about human development and characteristics; (2) Paleoanthropology, the physical and cultural development of man's earliest ancestors; (3) Archaeology, the study of the remains of human existence and the methods it employs; and, (4) Cultural Anthropology, the study of modern cultural diversity found among the societies of men and women in the world and reasons for that variety. To find the answers to these questions, a holistic, inquiry-based approach will be taken. Students will demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the above four themes through discussions, hands-on activities, traditional assessments and essays, and projects that employ a variety of methods and strategies with which to engage the student in higher order thinking.

Significant Events

The methods of evaluation and assessment will include Multiple Choice Tests, Quizzes, and Essays. There are two field trips during the primate and the archaeology units.