Overview

Human origins is an exciting and dynamic branch of science as each year new discoveries are made that rewrite knowledge of our ancient past. This course will provide an introduction to the fields of archaeology and prehistory, exploring the evidence for our cultural and biological origins. It will also provide a critical exploration of the basic methods and theories employed in archaeology and prehistory research. Students will engage with evidence from the cultural, fossil and genetic records and explore wide-ranging topics drawn from contemporary archaeological research. The course covers topics like why humans are apes, the features that define us as unique, evidence for when, where and how we evolved, stone tools and the Palaeolithic record of human culture and ecology, the Ice Age and its role in human evolution, the diversity of pre-humans and our extinct human cousins, human interbreeding with species like the Neanderthals, Out-of-Africa and the origins of modern human populations, the shift from hunting and gathering to farming, and the beginnings of urbanised settlements and civilisation.

Note: this course was previously offered as BIOS3711 but changed effective semester 1 2017 to GEOS2021
Faculty
Faculty of Science

School
School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences

Study Level
Undergraduate

Offering Terms
Term 2

Campus
Kensington

Indicative contact hours
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Timetable
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Course Outline

To access course outline, please visit:

GEOS2021 Course Outline
Fees

Commonwealth Supported Students $1191
Domestic Students $5970
International Students $5970

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Additional Information

This course is offered as General Education.
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