







# Anthropology (ANTH) 336

## The Story of Us: The Evolution of Human Behaviour (Revision 2)

<b>Status:</b>	Replaced with new revision, see the <a href="#">course listing</a>  for the current revision 
<b>Delivery mode:</b>	Individualized study online 
<b>Credits:</b>	3
<b>Areas of study:</b>	Arts or Social Science
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Minimum 3 credits at the junior level in anthropology, biology, or psychology. <a href="#">ANTH 278</a> is recommended.
<b>Precluded:</b>	None
<b>Challenge:</b>	ANTH 336 has a challenge for credit option.
<b>Faculty:</b>	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences 

## Overview



Anthropology 336: The Story of Us: The Evolution of Human Behaviour is a three-credit intermediate-level course that provides a general introduction to various topics related to the evolution of human adaptations, including various human behaviours.

## Outline


The course consists of the following eleven units:


- Unit 1: Understanding Human Behavioural Adaptations
- Unit 2: Basic Bones and Stones: A Review of the Human Fossil Record
- Unit 3: The Value of a Cross-Species Perspective in Understanding Human Adaptations
- Unit 4: Evolutionary Psychology
- Unit 5: Human Mate Preference and Pair Bonding: Proximate and Functional Mechanisms
- Unit 6: Human Menopause
- Unit 7: The Evolutionary Origins of Human Language, Part I: What Is It and Who Has It?
- Unit 8: The Evolutionary Origins of Human Language, Part II: Where Did It Come From?
- Unit 9: Gene-Culture Evolution and Human Diets
- Unit 10: The Adaptive Value of Religion
- Unit 11: The Future of Homo sapiens: Are We Still Evolving?

## Evaluation


To **receive credit**  for ANTH 336, you must complete the essay assignment, write a midterm and a final examination, and achieve a minimum grade of D (50 percent) on both the midterm and final examinations and an overall grade of **D (50 percent)**  for the entire course.

Activity	Weight
Telephone Assignment	5%
Midterm Online Exam	30%
Essay Assignment	30%
Final Online Exam	35%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

The **midterm and final examinations** for this course must be requested in advance and written under the supervision of an AU-approved exam invigilator. Invigilators include either ProctorU or an approved in-person invigilation centre that can accommodate online exams. Students are responsible for payment of any invigilation fees. Information on exam request deadlines, invigilators, and other exam-related questions, can be found at the [Exams and grades](#)  section of the Calendar.

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#) .

## Materials

This course either does not have a course package or the textbooks are open-source material and available to students at no cost. This course has a [Course Administration and Technology Fee](#) , but students are not charged the Course Materials Fee.

All required readings and other course materials are available online.

## Challenge for credit

### Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual

and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about **challenge for credit** [↗](#) can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

## Evaluation

To **receive credit** [↗](#) for the ANTH 336 challenge registration, you must achieve a grade of at least **D (50 percent)** [↗](#) on the examination.

Activity	Weight
Exam	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>



[Challenge for credit course registration form](#)

## Important links

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- › [Program planning](#) [↗](#)
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