

**HBIO 405: Evolutionary Medicine****HBIO 405 – Evolutionary Medicine (4 units)**

Fall 2017

Lectures: Tuesday and Thursday 12:30-1:50

Location: VKC 261

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**Course Content:** This is an interdisciplinary course discovering the evolutionary, cultural, and environmental factors in the emergence and existence of human diseases with a focus on the Darwinian (evolutionary medicine) examination of illness. This course's objectives include:

- To develop a deeper comprehension of the central and cross-disciplinary concepts of human biology, which include, but are not limited to genetics, metabolic adaptations, origins of human and pathogen diversity, as well as social behaviors; and how these factors shape human medicine.
- To foster the students' process of identifying, exploring, assessing and solving real world problems through independent study and self-directed group projects that solidify their understanding of the scientific method, and basic scientific principles.
- To demonstrate understanding of ecological and evolutionary processes including the role of genetic variation, heredity, and natural selection as well as the implications these processes have for the origins and evolution of modern humans and their biology.
- To place biological knowledge into a socio-cultural context, especially how biology can contribute to the resolution of social, medical, and environmental issues.

Prerequisite: BISC 120

**Required Textbook:**Principles of Evolutionary Medicine

by Gluckman, Beedle, Buklijas, Low, and Hanson (2016) Second Edition

**Grading:**

Midterm 1 (Week 5)	25%
Midterm 2 (Week 9)	25%
Midterm 3 (Finals week)	25%
Project (Due Week 14)	25%

**Project:** You will choose a disease to thoroughly investigate in terms of evolution, previous and current treatments, genetic impacts/coevolution, and possible future implications. A handout with further instruction will be presented in class. This project

includes a mandatory approval for your topic at Week 6 and a check-in with the professors at Week 13.

**Make up Exams:** can be scheduled only with proper documentation for an appropriate excuse.

**SCHEDULE:** (*Subject to revision*)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lecture Topic</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
Aug 22	Intro & Evolution Basics (SB)	1
Aug 24	Evolution Basics & Evolutionary Medicine (SB)	2 & 7
Aug 29	Genetics (GP)	3
Aug 31	Development (GP)	4
Sep 5	Development (GP)	4
Sep 7	Development (GP)	4
Sep 12	Life Histories (SB)	5
Sep 14	Human Diversity (SB)	6
Sep 19	<b>Midterm I</b>	
Sep 21	Disease – Reproduction (SB)	8
Sep 26	Disease – Reproduction (SB)	8
Sep 28	Disease – Reproduction (SB)	8
Oct 3	Disease – Reproduction (SB)	8
Oct 5	Disease – Nutrition (GP)	9
Oct 10	Disease – Nutrition (GP)	9
Oct 12	Disease – Nutrition (GP)	9
Oct 17	<b>Midterm II</b>	
Oct 19	Disease – Defense (GP)	10
Oct 24	Disease – Defense (GP)	10
Oct 26	Disease – Cancer (GP)	12
Oct 31	Disease – Cancer (GP)	12
Nov 2	Disease - Social organization (SB)	11
Nov 7	Disease - Social organization (SB)	11
Nov 9	Disease - Social organization (SB)	11
Nov 14	<b>Check in (GP &amp; SB)</b>	
Nov 16	Medical Practice and Future (GP & SB)	13 & 14
Nov 21	Medical Practice and Future (GP & SB)	13 & 14
Nov 23	<b>Thanksgiving</b>	
Nov 28	Presentations	
Nov 30	Presentations	
Dec 2-5	<b>Study Days</b>	
	<b>FINAL EXAM: See schedule of classes</b>	

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### Support Systems

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