

NSF-REU SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM IN BIOCULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

This course can be taken for up to 6 credits at the undergraduate or graduate level in Anthropology or Theology. All students must register for the class via the Summer Session webpage, even if they are taking the course for 0 credit (to allow you to get an ID, paycheck, etc.).

Details about the yearly projects will be provided in your lab manuals (which you'll receive upon arrival at Notre Dame). For those taking the class for credit, it is divided into the following components (each of which will be discussed in lectures with written guidelines provided in your lab manual and on a CD if requested):

1. **There will be a lab practical following the skeletal biology section of the course.** You will be asked to identify fragments of bone, determine side, age, sex and pathology. Everyone must receive at least a B to continue with the class, regardless of credit. (10%)
2. **There will be weekly quizzes on the lectures given by guest speakers and in conjunction with the overview of the bones & landmarks.** This is to ensure you are synthesizing the material provided, as it will be important to the completion of your final project. (5%)
3. **Several projects will be possible, following a common theme.** You will select a partner to work with and this will constitute the majority of your work in the class. Very detailed information is available in your lab manual (50%).
4. **In the final week of the class, you will present your project to your classmates** (and any guest speakers who are free to attend). (20%)
5. **As indicated on the class schedule in your lab manual, there will professional development module to teach you about graduate school.** This will encompass a daily "graduate school lesson" which you are expected to employ in this class where appropriate, will be assessed in relation to guest speakers, will include segments on computer programs like Excel and Powerpoint, as well as two afternoons of instruction about GREs, personal statements, applying to grad school, financial aide, etc. NSF requires this component, and specifies an emphasis on graduate rather than medical school. (15%)

A detailed class schedule of daily activities, due dates, field trips and guest speakers will be provided in a lab manual. Instructions for all components of the program will likewise be available in this book, as will corresponding readings, lab stations, guest speaker bios, etc.

At the close of the course, the lab manual is yours to keep. You can also Xerox all of your data and notes, "fun pix" from the class will be available, and if you would like, a copy of the large Bioarchaeology Library (you must provide the external drive for this).