

**SEMESTER 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**MINOR COURSE**

**ANT222N: ANTHROPOLOGY (BIOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY)**

CREDITS: THEORY: 04, PRACTICALS: 02

**Course Objectives**

- To enable the students to learn about Fossil Hominids: *Australopithecus*, Habitat Ecology and Distribution of *Homo Neanderthalensis*.
- To enable students to learn about various characteristics features and classification of Primates
- To enable the students to learn about the various stages of Human Growth, Population Genetics and Human Racial Classification

**THEORY (4 CREDITS)**

**Unit 1: Genetic Basis of Human Variation**

- Mendelian Principles.
- Population Genetics: Hardy Weinberg's Equilibrium
- Racial Classification; Morphological basis of Racial Classification
- Polymorphism: Blood Groups and Sickle Cell Anaemia

**Unit 2: Primates**

- Taxonomic Classification
- Primates: Characteristic Features
- Primate Behaviour: Habitat, Diet and Social Behaviour
- Miocene fossils

**Unit 3: Hominid Evolution**

- Definitive Hominid features; Theories of Bipedalism and Brain Expansion
- Fossil Hominids: *Australopithecus*
- *Homo Erectus*; Habitat, Ecology and Distribution
- Habitat Ecology and Distribution of *Homo Neanderthalensis*

**Unit 4: *Homo sapiens***

- Human Skeleton Anatomy
- Anatomical Comparison with apes
- Concept of Human Growth & Development
- Adaptations to Heat, Cold and Altitude.

**PRACTICAL (2 CREDITS)**

- i. Anthropometry: Total Upper Extremity Length Size and Shape Indices; Relative Upper Extremity Length; Ponderal Index; Relative Total Lower Extremity Length; Body Mass Index.
- ii. Blood Group Determination (ABO), Blood Pressure and Haemoglobin Estimation.

**LIST OF READINGS**

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