

**Anthro 5221 & Biol 5221**  
**Lecture: MWF 10:45–11:35AM**  
**Lab: F 1–3PM**  
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## **Human Evolutionary Genetics**

**Description** Theories and methods of molecular population genetics, with emphasis on human examples. How DNA sequence variation is analyzed to infer population history and to identify genes recently subject to selection. Laboratory exercises develop elementary programming skills using Python to show how computation is used in research to connect models and data. Satisfies Quantitative Intensive Requirement.

**Prerequisites** You should be comfortable with algebra and first-semester calculus. No prior knowledge of Python is needed.

**Grading** two midterm exams and a cumulative final (17% each), weekly labs (25% total), and weekly homeworks (25% total). Grades are curved as explained on the website.

**Exams** are paper-and-pencil and take place in the lecture room. You may bring one 3X5 card containing handwritten notes on both sides. You may bring a calculator, but do not load notes onto the calculator.

**Weekly computer lab** In this lab, students do projects using the Python computer language. The lab assignments are intended to be short enough to complete within the duration of the two-hour computer lab. The lab syllabus is available on class web site listed above. The projects themselves are described in *Lab Manual for Anth/Biol 5221*, which is also available on the website or the Copy Center at Olpin Student Union.

**Homework** There are also paper-and-pencil homework assignments, which are due at roughly weekly intervals as indicated in the syllabus below. The homework assignments are available on the class website or the Copy Center at Olpin Student Union. The answers to even-numbered problems are given in the back of the book of assignments.

**Required readings** are listed in the outline below and in the list of references. The main text,

Gillespie, John. 2004. *Population Genetics, a Concise Guide*, 2nd edition

is available at the bookstore. All other readings are on the class website. In addition, we will occasionally assign other published papers and notes of our own. When we do, they will be available either on paper or on the course web site.

**Recommended readings** Hetland, Magnus L. 2005. *Beginning Python: From Novice to Professional*, 1st Edn. If you are rusty at algebra, work your way through Ch. 2 of *Precalculus Mathematics in a Nutshell*, by George Simmons, which is available on the class website.

**Contact** All of us are available after class and by appointment.

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**Discussion list** All students should enroll in the class email list, which is a place to ask questions about the course (and also to answer them). We often use the list for important announcements involving review sessions, homework, and exams. To enroll, point your browser at <http://lists.csbs.utah.edu>, and follow the link to EvGen. To post a question to the list, you must use the email account with which you enrolled in the list. Just send your question by email to [evgen@lists.csbs.utah.edu](mailto:evgen@lists.csbs.utah.edu).

**Study sessions** We will staff two study sessions per week, both in Room 103B of Stewart Building (just North of Pioneer Memorial Theater). Emily DiBlasi will run a study session at 9 AM Monday and Ryan Bohlender will run one at 10 AM Thursday.

**Equal access provisions** The University seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services and activities for people with disabilities. If you will need accommodations in this class, then reasonable prior notice must be given to the instructor and to the Center for Disability Services, 162 Olpin Union. Call 581-5020 to make arrangements.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lecture</b>	<b>Reading</b>
Aug 25 M	Introduction to the course, and to variation	RS
27 W	Describing and partitioning phenotypic variation	S
29 F	Genomes and their variation	S [3, sec. 1.0–1.3]
Sep 01 M	*** NO CLASS	
03 W	Probability 1	R [11, sec. 1–2]
05 F	Probability 2	R [11, sec. 3]
08 M	Probability 3	R [11, sec. 3]
10 W	Python	S [14]
12 F	Random mating Homework 1 due.	R [3, sec. 1.4]
15 M	Genetic drift and heterozygosity	R [3, sec. 2.0–2.2; 12, Ch. 1]
17 W	Mutation versus drift	R [3, sec. 2.3; 12, Ch. 1]
19 F	DNA sequence variation Homework 2 due. Homework 3 due.	R [12, Ch. 1]
22 M	Gene genealogies	R [12, Ch. 4]
24 W	Catch-up and review	
26 F	Exam 1	
29 M	Connecting gene genealogies to genetics	R [12, Ch. 5; 3, sec. 2.6]
Oct 01 W	Site frequency spectrum	R [12, Ch. 6]
03 F	Molecular evolution Homework 4 due.	S [3, sec. 2.4]
06 M	Mismatch distribution	R [12, Ch. 7]
08 W	Population growth and gene genealogies	R [4]
10 F	Molecular variation and neutral theory 1	S [3, sec. 2.5]

	Homework 5 due.	
13 M	*** NO CLASS	
15 W	*** NO CLASS	
17 F	*** NO CLASS	
20 M	Molecular variation and neutral theory 2	S [3, sec. 2.5]
22 W	Selection 1	S [3, sec. 3.0–3.3]
24 F	Selection 2	S
	Homework 6 due.	
27 M	Mutation versus selection	S [3, sec. 3.4; 2]
29 W	Genetic load	S [3, sec. 3.5]
31 F	Fixation of advantageous mutations	S [3, sec. 3.9–3.10]
	Homework 7 due.	
Nov 03 M	Two-locus dynamics	R [3, sec. 4.0–4.1]
05 W	Catch-up and review	
07 F	Exam 2	
	Homework 8 due.	
10 M	Two-locus selection	R [3, sec. 4.2]
12 W	Genomic traces of selective sweeps	R [13; 10]
14 F	Inbreeding 1	R [3, sec. 5.0–5.3]
	Homework 9 due.	
17 M	Inbreeding 2	R
19 W	Genetic draft	S [3, sec. 4.3]
21 F	Population history from whole genomes	R [5]
	Homework 10 due.	
24 M	Lactase persistence and pastoralism	R [1]
26 W	Population subdivision	R [3, sec. 5.5; 9]
28 F	*** NO CLASS	
Dec 01 M	Archaic admixture	R [6, 15]
	Homework 11 due.	
03 W	Quantitative Genetics: genes and environment	S [3, sec. 6.0–6.1]
05 F	Quantitative Genetics: heritability	S [3, sec. 6.2]
	Extra credit assignment due.	
08 M	Quantitative Genetics: evolution in nature	S [3, sec. 6.3]
10 W	QTL mapping and “missing” heritability	S [8, 7]
12 F	Catch-up and review	
	Homework 12 due.	
Dec 15 M	<b>Final exam 10:30AM–12:30PM</b>	

## References

- [1] Todd Bersaglieri, Pardis C. Sabeti, Nick Patterson, Trisha Vanderploeg, Steve F. Schaffner, Jared A. Drake, Matthew Rhodes, David E. Reich, and Joel N. Hirschhorn. Genetic signatures of strong recent positive selection at the lactase gene. *American Journal of Human Genetics*, 74:1111–1120, 2004.