

ANTH 357

THE HUMAN ANIMAL

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

A central question in anthropology is “Why are humans the way we are?” Human evolutionary biology examines the mechanisms driving human variability and how these mechanisms have been shaped by our evolutionary history. This course explores both the evolution of human biology and the evolution of social inequality and hierarchy, using the lens of metabolic disease to demonstrate the profound impacts of our evolutionary history on contemporary health.