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COURSES

College Connections

ANTH 199

1 credit

Origins of Storytelling

ANTH 163 - WEB Course

Core Education Science (>3)

Global Perspectives (>GP)

4 credits

Introduction to Animal Behavior

BI 132

Core Education Science (>3)

4 credits

CALENDAR

First FIG Meeting

You will get to meet your FIG classmates, FIG Assistant (FA), and Faculty before classes start!

Check your FIG page in September to find out more details.

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ABOUT THIS FIG

College Connections

This FIG examines humans as a culture-using animal. While other species have evolved anatomical features (e.g., speed, camouflage, keen sensory systems) that aid in their survival, humans depend on their ability to use information and to invent technologies for acquiring, storing, and sharing it (i.e., "culture"). These abilities enable human societies to accumulate vast stores of knowledge over time, and underlie the current explosion of IT and the emergence of the Information Age. This FIG looks at how we got here by looking at where we came from. We explore some of the earliest human information technologies and the ecological conditions that sparked them, and compare these to the communication systems of other animal species. Along the way, we explore the psychological effects of information sharing, with an emphasis on the use of information to manipulate the behavior of others.

Origins of Storytelling

Why do humans tell stories? This course addresses this question by exploring the hunter-gatherer context in which storytelling emerged. Drawing on evolutionary theory and related disciplines, this course explores the origins of literature in terms of the information demands of ancestral human environments.

Introduction to Animal Behavior

This course will explore behaviors found in a variety of animals, investigate what functions they might serve, and use the concept of natural selection to understand their evolution. Among the topics in animal behavior that we will discuss are biological clocks, sex, intelligence, communication, and animal consciousness.

NEXT STEPS

After you're registered for your FIG, you will want to check out the Meet Your FIG page (<https://fyp.uoregon.edu/fall-2020-figs>). This page will have everything you need to know before the beginning of fall term, including how to email your FIG Assistant, if you have a summer assignment, and when you will be meeting your FIG for the first time in September. In order to prepare for your coursework and be notified about important academic deadlines you will want to download the "Canvas" and "Navigate" apps to your phone or any device you will be using. If you have questions about anything, make sure you email your FIG Assistant – they are here to help!



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10AM					
11AM		BI 132 11294 HUE 130 11:00am-12:00pm			
12PM	BI 132 11291 REMOTE 00 12:15pm-1:45pm		BI 132 11291 REMOTE 00 12:15pm-1:45pm		
1PM					
2PM					
3PM				ANTH 199 17113 REMOTE 00 3:30pm-4:30pm	
4PM					
KEY	Your FIG College Connections Class. Meet once a week with 20 peers, Faculty, and FIG Assistant (FA).		The lecture courses associated with your FIG.		Your discussion or lab section for lecture courses.

This FIG has an asynchronous remote class (which appears on the UO class schedule as "WEB") that does not appear on this schedule. You are enrolled in all of the FIG classes, and can see them when you log on to Duckweb.

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