



# Detailed Course Syllabus

<b>Academic year:</b> 2025/2026	<b>Semester:</b> Winter semester
<b>Study Program:</b> Povijest (R) (elective) Komunikologija (R) (elective) Psihologija (R) (elective) Sociologija (R) (elective) Povijest (dvopredmetni) (R) (elective) Sociologija (dvopredmetni) (R) (elective) Sestrinstvo (I) (elective) Sestrinstvo (R) (elective) Primaljstvo (R) (elective) Primaljstvo (I) (elective)	<b>Year of study:</b> 1

## I. BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

**Name:** Introduction to General Anthropology

**Abbreviation:** IZBP-61

**ECTS:** 4

**Code:** 150161

**Prerequisites:** No

*Total Course Workload*

**Teaching Mode**

**Total Hours**

Lecture

30

Seminar

15

**Class Time and Place:** HKS - according to the published schedule

## II. TEACHING STAFF

*Course Holder*

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**Office Hours:** According to the published schedule

*Course Assistant*

### III. DETAILED COURSE INFORMATION

**Teaching Language:** Hrvatski

**Course Description**

Course objectives:  
Introducing students with the breadth of anthropology as a uniquely comparative and holistic science based on the cross-cultural perspective.

Course content:  
Four-field anthropology: biological (physical) anthropology, cultural (socio-cultural) anthropology, linguistic anthropology and archeology. Applied and medical anthropology. Evolutionary theory and natural selection. Basics of contemporary genetics. Forensic anthropology and identification of remains. Anthropological critique of the race concept. Microevolution and macroevolution. Genetics and origins of modern human. Consequences of domestication, cultivation and sedentism. Anthropological definitions of culture. Ethnographic methods and production of anthropological knowledge. Language, culture and thought. Symbolic practices. Myth and ritual. Kinship. Social inequality, race and ethnicity: implications for health and well-being. Cultural processes in a global world.

**Educational Outcomes**

1. Formulate basic concepts of human biology, society and culture through biocultural perspective. 2. Biological (genetic), social, and cultural critique of the concept of race. 3. Explain anthropological key concepts.

*Textbooks and Materials*

**Required**

Lavenda and Schultz. Anthropology: What Does It Mean to Be Human? (Oxford University Press, 2014)

**Supplementary**

Jared M. Diamond. Guns, Germs, and Steel: the Fates of Human Societies. New York: Norton, 2005.

Yuval N. Harari. Sapiens: a Brief History of Humankind. New York: Harper, 2015.

Michael Marmot. Status Syndrome. London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2004.

Robert Sapolsky: Why Zebra's Do Not Get Ulcers. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2004.

Steven Pinker. Language, Cognition, and Human Nature. Oxford University Press, 2013.

Odabrani originalni znanstveni članci.

*Examination and Grading*

**To Be Passed DA**

**Exclusively Continuous Assessment NE**

**Included in Average Grade DA**

**Prerequisites to Obtain Signature and Take Final Exam**

Položena dva kolokvija i održana usmena prezentacija seminarskog rada

**Examination Manner**

Tijekom semestra moguće je prikupiti ukupno 100 bodova. Maksimalni broj bodova na kolokviju i završnom ispitu je 30. Maksimalni broj bodova za usmeno izlaganje seminarskog rada je 10. Tijekom kolegija studenti su obavezni položiti 2 kolokvija, održati usmeno izlaganje seminarske teme i položiti završni (pismeni) ispit.

Raspon bodova i ocjene su sljedeći:

Ocjena dovoljan - postignutih 50 do 64 bodova

Ocjena dobar - postignutih 65 do 79 bodova

Ocjena vrlo dobar - postignutih 80 do 89 bodova

Ocjena odličan - postignutih 90 do 100 bodova.

**Grading Manner**

Pismeni

## Detailed Overview of Grading within ECTS

### IV. WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE

[Predavanja]

#	Topic
1	WHAT IS FOUR-FIELD ANTHROPOLOGY?
2	WHY IS EVOLUTION IMPORTANT TO ANTHROPOLOGISTS?
3	WHAT CAN EVOLUTIONARY THEORY TELL US ABOUT HUMAN VARIATION?
4	WHAT CAN THE FOSSIL RECORD AND GENETICS TELL US ABOUT HUMAN ORIGINS?
5	Anthropological documentary: The Making of a Theory: Darwin, Wallace, and Natural Selection
6	Midterm-exam
7	HOLISTIC ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDY FROM CROATIA: ROMA GENETIC HISTORY
8	WHY IS THE CONCEPT OF CULTURE IMPORTANT?
9	WHY IS UNDERSTANDING HUMAN LANGUAGE IMPORTANT?
10	WHERE DO OUR RELATIVES COME FROM AND WHY DO THEY MATTER?
11	WHY THE „RACE“ CONCEPT IS OBSOLETE IN ANTHROPOLOGY?
12	STRESS, SOCIAL INEQUALITY AND RACE - IMPLICATIONS FOR HEALTH DISPARITIES
13	Anthropological Documentary Film: Tales from the Jungle – Margaret Mead
14	Review
15	Final exam

[Seminari]

#	Topic
1	Introduction
2	Assignment of seminar topics
3	Evolutionary significance of cooking
4	Ruth Benedict - Patterns of Culture
5	Evolutionary purpose of sleep
6	Language Learning Abilities of Apes
7	Gender Language Differences
8	Bronislaw Malinowski - Father of ethnography
9	Mid-term exam
10	Marriage patterns and customs across the world
11	History of humans through epidemics: Black plague as an example of genetic drift
12	Steven Pinker: Language, Cognition, and Human Nature
13	Jared Diamond: Guns, Germs and Steel
14	Rites of Passage - Customs Across the World
15	Final exam