Homework: The Anthropology of Houses and Households

We've spent a lot of time at home over the last few years. Even when we're not forced to stay home, we keep our stuff there. We cook and often eat there. Recently, some of us have even had the pleasure (or not) of working from home. These activities have been associated with a home base and some form of shelter for a very, very long time. The house is one of the most universal and enduring aspects of human material culture, and the domestic unit living there—the household has been one of the most important units of society from the Paleolithic to the present. In this course, we will explore houses and households through the lens of anthropology, covering topics ranging from how to build a house to the symbolic division and meaning of domestic space. This course will be organized around lectures, readings, and class activities. No previous experience with archaeology is required.

ANTHRARC 296, Section 201 Tuesday & Thursday 1-4 pm

Please see the Spring/Summer 2022 course guide for more details, or contact instructor Martin Menz at martmenz@umich.edu.

This course is 3 credits, fulfills the social science (SS) distribution, and counts toward the Anthropology major and minor.

HUMAN LONGEVITY the evolution and future of aging



Why do we age? Why do we live so long? Can we live even longer?

This three-credit class satisfies the natural science distribution and counts towards the Anthropology major, Evolutionary Anthro major, and Biological Anthro minor. This course will introduce you to a profound aspect of our biology that shapes medicine, research, and existential questions of our own mortality.

Topics include evolutionary theories of aging, what it does to our bodies, human evolution and longevity hypotheses, aging in wild animals, life-extending treatments, geriatric community issues, and old age in literature and media.

ANTHRBIO 297 - 202 | SUMMER 2022 | Tue & Thurs 10 AM – 1 PM Instructor: Ben Finkel - 🖂 finkelb@umich.edu

SPORT: NATION AND IDENTITY

ANTHRCUL 298, SPRING 2022, MW 10:00-1:00 (SS, R&E)

INSTRUCTOR: CJ MULVEY, CJMULVEY@UMICH.EDU

DO YOU LOVE SPORTS? ARE YOU BAFFLED BY WHY OTHER PEOPLE LOVE SPORTS?

COME TALK ABOUT IT!

"Sport: Nation and Identity" is a course designed to investigate athletic practice, sport's connection to various nationalisms around the world, and its ability to structure and give rise to identity, both historically and in the contemporary world. Throughout the course, we will examine major sporting moments across time and space.

Why does sport excite some of us? Why is it such a durable part of the human experience? How are sport and movement taught and learned, and how do they transform and take on new meaning?





