H/AN 123 Anthropological Demography

9 units (3-0-6) (first term)

Birth, death, marriage, and migration are the most basic events in people's lives. These events are shaped by both human biology and cultural contexts. This course combines biological and cultural approaches to the study of human populations. Topics include basic demographic techniques, evolutionary perspectives on human demography, longevity, senescence, kinship, household organization, and nuptiality. Students will explore the roles of culture, ecology, and subsistence in demographic explanation. Emphasis is placed on understanding cross-cultural and historical variation in population dynamics. Instructor: Jennings