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The history of evolution and the (now obsolete) concept of the human race

The holder of this badge has attended the course "The history of evolution and the (now obsolete) concept of the human race" organized by the University Basilicata as part of the "Competenze trasversali in Unibas" Project.

In the twentieth century, science tried to eliminate the idea of the human race that it had created centuries ago, without yet discarding this heavy legacy.

For a long time it was just science that laid the foundations on what has always been a prejudice regarding human diversity: the error of being able to objectively categorize Homo sapiens into different groups based on biological differences and consequently justify alleged superiority and inferiority.

The present course aims at reconstructing the origin of biological and cultural evolutionary history of Humans based on the study of human fossil records with reference to their context of discovery, in order to understand and assimilate the different stages of the evolution of Humans, from the Miocene

Hominoidea to our species Homo sapiens, also integrating the population dynamics of the various geographical areas: (Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania and America), as well as explaining, through the study of DNA, that the concept of race does not exist.

Moreover, the present course aims at providing the relevant knowledge on the following macro-areas:

- Evolution
- Physical anthropology
- DNA: the concept of race does not exist

At the end of the course, the students will have acquired the useful knowledge to rethink the concept of human evolution in a branched manner and no longer in a linear way, having specific knowledge on human evolution and the now obsolete concept of race.

The course represents a moment of personal comparison and interaction, through the inputs that will be given in order to create a critical thought on current problems.

Skills

The course will provide inputs to understand the ramification of human evolution and different points of view regarding the concept of race.

The owner of this Badge has proved to have the following competences:
– Ability to understand, collect and sort the information received during lectures or workshops.
– Ability to communicate the acquired knowledge and skills with a correct language.
– Ability to use the acquired knowledge.

Moreover, the course will provide transversal knowledge, in terms of theories, models and approaches useful for generating critical thinking towards increasingly topical issues.

The owner of this Badge has displayed the following soft skills:
– Ability to interact with the teacher and between them.
– Ability to communicate effectively.
– Ability to develop critical thinking.
– Spirit of enterprise.

The owner of this Badge has displayed an overall knowledge in:
– History of evolutionary thought and Darwin's theory of evolution.
– Forensic anthropological analysis: elements of skeletal and dental anatomy.
– Determination of sex and death.
– Human evolution.
– Basic knowledge of paleoanthropology (ancient DNA and stable isotopes).

Criteria

The badge is awarded after attending the course "The history of evolution and the (now obsolete) concept of the human race". The overall duration of the course is 24 hours. The badge is obtained only after passing the oral exam.

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The University of Basilicata is the leading University of the Basilicata region, in the Southern part of Italy. Since 2012, according to the new University statute and rules of procedure, ex D.R. n. 88/2012, the University of Basilicata is organized through six primary structures (precisely four departments and two schools) in which the functions and the personnel of the pre-existing twelve departments and eights faculties have been re-addressed. Degree programs range from the Humanities, to architecture, archeology, education, economics and management, as well as to the STEM disciplines (hard sciences, agriculture, engineering, computer sciences). Such degree programs are effectively connected to the research, training and third mission activities developed by the primary structures. University of Basilicata counts about 7000 students, and is based in the cities of Potenza and Matera.

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