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# Approval Form

Proposal Title: Introduction to Physical Anthropology

Sponsor(s) Diane L. Markowitz Dept Geography/Anthropology Ext. 6496

Check one:  Course  Specialization  Concentration  Minor  Achievement Certificate  
 Certification Program  Major Program  Minor Change course description  
(please name, deletion or credit/title/catalog change)

Undergraduate  Graduate 3 Credit Hours

<p><b>Step 1 (Department)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <u>2-6-94</u> Date</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Dept. CC Chairperson</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed <u>2-1-94</u> Date</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Dept. Chairperson</p>	<p><b>Step 2 (Receipt)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SCC# <u>9274-52</u></p> <p>Proposal Received _____ Date</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> SCC Chairperson</p>	<p><b>Step 3 (School CC)</b></p> <p>Reviewed <u>4/18/94</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved</p> <p>Comments:</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> School Curr. Comm. Chairperson</p>
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**Step 4 (Academic Dean)** **Comments:**

Recommend  
 Not Recommend  
 Conditionally Recommend (see comments)

Reviewed 4/18/94 Date

[Signature]  
Signature, Dean of School

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**Step 5 (SCC)**

Open Hearing 3/1/94 Date  Approved by Senate Curriculum Committee 5/1/94 Date

Returned to sponsor(s) for the following reasons:

**Step 6 (Senate)**

Presented to Senate 5/12/94 Date  Approved  Not Approved

Notification to Executive Vice President/Provost [Signature] Date [Signature]  
Signature, SCC Chairperson

**Step 7 (Executive V.P./Provost)**

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Date

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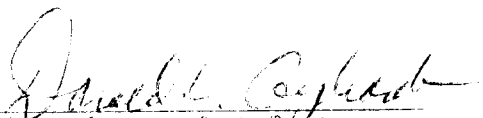
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Student credit hours \_\_\_\_\_

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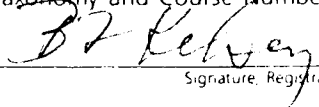
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**Registrar**

Approved course description received 22 Aug 94  
Date

Hegis Taxonomy and Course Number assigned N/A

  
Signature, Registrar

22 Aug 94  
Date

**Notification forwarded:**

- Senate Curriculum Committee Chairperson
- Department Chairperson(s)
- Academic Dean(s)
- Registrar
- Sponsor(s)

## **6C.) MINOR CHANGE: CHANGE DESCRIPTION OF COURSE IN CATALOGUE**

### **1.) Details:**

a.) Change of course description in 93-95 Catalogue. Course description now reads:

**2202.201**

**3 s.h.**

#### **Introduction to Physical Anthropology**

This course takes a biocultural approach to human evolution, biological variation, race formation and mixture and comparative primatology.

The sponsors request that this course description be changed to the following:

**2202.201**

**3 s.h.**

#### **Introduction to Physical Anthropology**

This course surveys the variety of human biological adaptations to the environment over time and space. Anatomy of the human form is studied as it has evolved over the past 5 million years. Diversity in living human populations and their genetic and physiological variations are examined. This course also introduces the student to some of the specialized subfields of physical anthropology, such as medical anthropology, primatology and forensic anthropology.

b.) **The sponsors** are: Diane Markowitz and Maria Rosado (physical anthropologists and members of the Geography/Anthropology department)

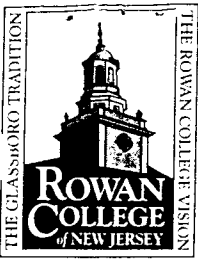
### **2.) Statement of need for such a change:**

The description as it exists in the 93-95 catalogue is out of date and inconsistent with current thought about human biological diversity. It also does not describe sufficiently the scope of this course as it is offered at Rowan.

### **3.) Results of Consultation:**

a.) David Kasserman, cultural anthropologist - and the third anthropologist in the Geography/Anthropology department - was consulted.

b.) Dr. Kasserman's opinion is appended.



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I am in complete agreement with Dr. Markowitz and Ms. Rosado concerning their proposed change in the catalog description of **Introduction to Physical Anthropology** (2202.201). The current description is woefully outdated and imprecise (particularly the reference to "race formation and mixture," which is at worst inconsistent with the current discipline and at best misleading). Potential students will be provided with a much more accurate view of the scope of both the discipline and the course by the proposed alteration of the catalog.

Dr. David Kasserman  
Associate Professor