The Nature and Scope of Anthropology

Physical Anthropology:

Physical anthropology studies the biological aspects of man- that is, man, the animal. J.S. Weiner divides physical anthropology into two main fields: the study of man as a product of evolutionary processes, and the study and analysis of human population.

Although the methods implied in these two fields are often very different, the results are closely related, and information gained in one branch of the discipline often shades light on problems arising in the other.

Cultural Anthropology:

Cultural anthropology studies the origins and history of man's cultures, their evolution and development, and the structure and functioning of human cultures in every place and time. It is concerned with culture per se, whether it belongs to the primitive men of the Stone Age or to the European city-dwellers of today.