

ANT 2000: INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Section 6268
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Required Text:

Haviland, William A., Harald E.L. Prins, Dana Walrath, and Bunny McBride
2009 *The Essence of Anthropology*. 2nd Edition. Thomson Wadsworth, Belmont, CA.

Course Description:

Anthropology is an extremely broad and diverse field whose subject matter encompasses all types of human variation (cultural, behavioral, and biological) through time and across space. As a result, the research interests of anthropologists often overlap with those from a broad range of other disciplines including history, political science, sociology, psychology, medicine, genetics, geology, geography, and many others. Anthropology distinguishes itself from these other disciplines through its persistent employment of comparative cross-cultural approaches to the study of human variation and its holistic perspective on the human condition.

This course will introduce you to the discipline of anthropology and the techniques that anthropologists use to acquire, study, and interpret biological and cultural data. You will become familiar with all of the four major subfields of American anthropology (biological, cultural, archaeological, linguistic), including their respective research orientations and methodologies as well as the nature of their interrelatedness. Through the course of the semester, you will learn about a diverse array of different cultural groups and practices that will hopefully lead to a greater awareness and appreciation of human biological and cultural diversity. This course also continually emphasizes the real-world relevance of anthropology and its potential contribution to some of the most important current world issues (e.g., the concept of race, ethnic conflict, globalization, poverty, etc.).

Course Learning Objectives

Through completion of this course students will gain a better understanding of:

1. the variation of human biology and culture, and how anthropologists explain it;
2. the interrelationships between biology and culture;
3. the relevance of anthropology to the modern world and globalization;
4. the importance of a critical perspective on the anthropological endeavor;

5. how anthropology functions in both the scientific and popular worlds to create, maintain, and dispel our perceptions of the human condition.

Format and Course Requirements:

The class format is primarily lecture-based although some time will always be reserved for your questions and for limited discussion. Lectures will include information from the textbook as well as additional outside sources. Films will also be presented on occasion. All assigned readings should be completed before class. Basic lecture outlines will be posted online; however, all information presented in the textbook, lectures, and films is subject to end up in exams, so class attendance is vital to success in this course.

There will be three online exams, each worth 90 points for a total of 270 points, making up 90 percent of your final grade. Exams are not cumulative and consist of 30 objective (multiple choice/True_False) and two short essay questions. Exam questions will be based on material covered in textbook readings, films, in-class discussions and exercises, and lectures. Missed exams can be made up only under exceptional circumstances such as medical and family emergencies, for which documentation will usually be required. Car problems, malfunctioning alarm clocks, arguments with girlfriend/boyfriend, etc. are not considered valid excuses. Students aware in advance that they will be missing an exam should contact the instructor before the originally scheduled exam date.

There will also be a series of 10 unannounced pop quizzes given during lecture, consisting of a few short questions and based on assigned readings and lectures. Each quiz is worth 3 points for a total of 30 points, making up 10 percent of your final grade. Quizzes will serve as a proxy for student attendance and cannot be made up for ANY reason.

Your grade for the course is based on your performance on the three exams and 10 quizzes as follows:

270-300 points A	230-239 points C+	190-199 points D
260-269 points B+	220-229 points C	180-189 points D-
250-259 points B	210-219 points C-	179 and below F
240-249 points B-	200-209 points D+	

University of Florida Policies

Academic Honesty:

All students must comply with U.F. academic honesty policy: "I understand that the University of Florida expects its students to be honest in all their academic work. I agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the University." Full text of the Honor Code is available online: [<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/judicial/procedures/studenthonorcode.php>]

Special Classroom Accommodation:

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation. [<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/>]

Course Outline

Date	Topic	Readings - 1st Ed.	Readings - 2nd Ed.
Week 1			
Wed 1/5	Course Introduction – Syllabus Outline		
Fri 1/7	What is Anthropology?	Ch. 1	Ch. 1
Week 2			
Mon 1/10	Culture and Diversity	Ch. 9	Ch. 8
Wed 1/12	Biological Basis for Human Variation	Ch. 2	Ch. 2
Fri 1/14	Biology, Evolution, Genetics		
Week 3			
Mon 1/17	<i>Martin Luther King Day – NO CLASS</i>		
Wed 1/19	The Nonhuman Primates I	Ch. 3	Ch. 3
Fri 1/21	The Nonhuman Primates II		
Week 4			
Mon 1/24	Hominin Origins	Ch. 5	Ch. 5
Wed 1/26	Significance of Bipedalism I		
Fri 1/28	Significance of Bipedalism II		
Week 5			
Mon 1/31	Hominin Elaboration		
Wed 2/2	Becoming Modern I		
Fri 2/4	Becoming Modern II		
Week 6			
Mon 2/7	EXAM I		
Wed 2/9	Hunter-Gatherers I		
Fri 2/11	Hunter-Gatherers II		

Week 7				
Mon 2/14	Origins of Agriculture	Ch. 6	Ch. 5	
Wed 2/16	Agriculture and Social Complexity I	Ch. 7	Ch. 6	
Fri 2/18	Myths of the Moundbuilders			
Week 8				
Mon 2/21	Agriculture and Social Complexity II			
Wed 2/23	Modern World Systems			
Fri 2/25	Human Biological Diversity and “Race” I	Ch. 8	Ch. 7	
Week 9				
Mon 2/28	Human Biological Diversity and “Race” II			
Wed 3/2	Nonwestern Economics 1	Ch. 12	Ch. 11	
Fri 3/4	Nonwestern Economics II (Political Economy)			
Week 10				
<i>Spring Break: NO CLASS</i>				
Week 11				
Mon 3/14	Nonwestern Economics III			
Wed 3/16	Exam II Review			
Fri 3/18	EXAM II			
Week 12				
Mon 3/21	Variations of Gender I	Ch. 11	Ch. 10	
Wed 3/23	Variations of Gender II			
Fri 3/25	Variations of Marriage	Ch. 13	Ch. 12	
Week 13				
Mon 3/28	Variations of Kinship	Ch. 14	Ch. 13	
Wed 3/30	Non-Kinship Groups and Social Stratification	Ch. 15	Ch. 14	
Fri 4/1	Alternative Worldview 1	Ch. 16	Ch. 15	
Week 14				
Mon 4/4	Alternative Worldview 2			
Wed 4/6	Health and Illness			
Fri 4/8	Structural Linguistics	Ch. 10	Ch. 9	

Week 15

Mon 4/11

Sociolinguistics

Wed 4/13

American Dialects

Fri 4/15

Applied Anthropology & Globalization

Ch. 17

Ch. 16

Week 16

Mon 4/18

Applied Anthropology & Development

Ch. 18

Ch. 16

Wed 4/20

EXAM III