

# ANT 2000: INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL ANTHROPOLOGY

**Section TBA**  
**Summer 2012**

**Turlington Hall: TBA**  
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## **Required Text:**

Haviland, William A., Harald E.L. Prins, Dana Walrath, and Bunny McBride  
2013 *The Essence of Anthropology*. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 two online exams, each worth 150 points for a total of 300 points, making up 100 percent of your final grade. Exams are not cumulative and consist of 50 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.

Extra credit will be provided in the form of unannounced pop quizzes given during lecture. Quizzes will consist of a few short questions based on assigned readings and lectures. Each quiz will be worth up to 6 points that will be added to your final grade. Extra credit 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 two exams and the pop 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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Week 1		
Mon 7/2	Course Introduction – What is Anthropology?	Ch. 1
Tue 7/3	Culture and Diversity	Ch. 8
Wed 7/4	<i>Independence Day – NO CLASS</i>	
Thur 7/5	Biological Basis for Human Variation and Evolution	Ch. 2
Fri 7/6	The Nonhuman Primates I	Ch. 3
Week 2		
Mon 7/9	The Nonhuman Primates II	
Tue 7/10	Hominin Origins	Ch. 5
Wed 7/11	Significance of Bipedalism I	
Thur 7/12	Significance of Bipedalism II	
Fri 7/13	Hominin Elaboration	
Week 3		
Mon 7/16	Becoming Modern	
Tue 7/17	Hunter-Gatherers I	
Wed 7/18	Hunter-Gatherers II	
Thu 7/19	Origins of Agriculture	Ch. 5
Fri 7/20	Agriculture and Social Complexity I	Ch. 6
Week 4		
Mon 7/23	Agriculture and Social Complexity II and Modern World Systems	
Tue 7/24	<b>EXAM I (No Class)</b>	
Wed 7/25	Human Biological Diversity and “Race” I	Ch. 7
Thu 7/26	Human Biological Diversity and “Race” II	
Fri 7/27	Nonwestern Economics I	Ch. 11
Week 5		
Mon 7/30	Nonwestern Economics II	
Tue 7/31	Variations of Gender I	Ch. 10
Wed 8/1	Variations of Gender II	
Thu 8/2	Marriage and Kinship I	Ch. 12-13
Fri 8/3	Marriage and Kinship II	Ch. 14

Week 6		
Mon 8/6	Alternative Worldviews	Ch. 15
Tue 8/7	Structural Linguistics	Ch. 9
Wed 8/8	Sociolinguistics	
Thu 8/9	Applied Anthropology	Ch. 16
Fri 8/10	<b>Exam II (No Class)</b>	Ch. 11