

## ANT 2410: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

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### Required texts:

- Cultural Anthropology by Ember, Ember, and Peregrine. 13<sup>th</sup> ed.
- Conformity and Conflict (14<sup>th</sup> ed), by Spradley and McMurdy

### Introduction:

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the field of cultural anthropology, the study of contemporary human society and culture. In this course, students will learn what cultural anthropology is and what cultural anthropologists do. Also, students will be able to situate cultural anthropology within the other social sciences.

One of the key concerns in cultural anthropology is to examine human cultural variation. In the aims of answering how we, as humans, are similar and different throughout space and time, we will take a cross-cultural, anthropological perspective of several key lifespaces- race and ethnicity, gender, kinship, economies, religion, language and arts.

### Assessment:

The final grade scale for this class is as follows:

A = 100-93	C(S) = 76-73
A-=92-90	C-(U)= 72-70
B+=89-87	D+=69-67
B= 86-83	D= 66-63
B-= 82-80	D-= 62-60
C+= 79-77	E= 59-0

For further information regarding passing grades and grade point equivalents, please refer to the Undergraduate Catalog at: <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades/html>.

You will be evaluated based on your achievement of the course goals and the following criteria:

In-class activities	25%
Quizzes	15%
Exams (3)	60%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Components

**In-class activities:** Throughout the term, we will be carrying out different activities in class that you will have to turn in to me for a grade. These activities cannot be made up, unless you have a university-approved absence.

**Quizzes:** You will take three quizzes throughout the semester administered through e-learning. The quiz dates are on the syllabus. These are to ensure that you understand the key concepts from the readings and the material presented in class. They will be administered through the e-learning website. Unlike exams, we will have class on quiz dates. You can take the quizzes in a place and with a computer of your choice. It is your responsibility to have a reliable internet connection. The format will be multiple-choice, true-false and fill in the blank. Quizzes will cover material in the readings, lectures, guest lectures and films.

**Classroom expectations and attendance policy:** As college students, you are responsible for your own learning. Therefore, I will not be taking attendance in this class. However, I highly recommend that you attend class every day. We will be covering a lot of material in very little time. Also, in-class activities cannot be made up, unless you have a university approved absence. General classroom guidelines are as follows:

- Do not come to class to do homework or to sleep.
- *Tardiness*: Tardiness really distracts others, so be on time and only leave early if you really have to. If you arrive to class 15 minutes after we have started, I will kindly ask you to please leave the room.
- Students are expected to read material before it is covered in class.
- Students are expected to be active participants in class.
- Students are expected to exhibit respectful behavior toward the class and toward your peers.
- *Technology in the classroom*: Computers may be used in class for taking notes or reviewing Power Points. Do not use computers to send emails, facebook, games or other non-class related activity. The use of cell phones, pagers, iPods or mp3 players during class is prohibited. All equipment must be turned off in the classroom. Any evidence of cell phones (use, ringing, buzzing, texting, etc.) and similar equipment use will result in me asking you to leave the classroom and getting a zero in the in-class activity of the day.

**Exams:** There will be a total of three exams in this class. They are non-cumulative and will be based on the readings and lectures. The exam format will be multiple choice, true-false and fill in the blank. Exams are not curved and no make-up tests will be given.

Exams will be administered through e-Learning on the days scheduled on this syllabus. You are not required to attend class the day of a scheduled exam. You can take the exams in a place and with a computer of your choice. It is your responsibility to have a reliable internet connection. Further instruction about how to complete an online exam will be provided in class.

NO DEVIATION OF THE TEST SCHEDULE WILL BE ALLOWED, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES; this means NO early or late exams (unless you have a university approved absence).

## General Administrative Issues

### Academic Integrity

All students are required to abide by the Academic Honesty Guidelines which have been accepted by the University. The UF Honor Code reads:

*We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.*

On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." For more information please refer to <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/studentguide>.

### Accommodations

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. For more information see <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc>.

### Counseling and Wellness

A variety of counseling, mental health and psychiatric services are available through the UF Counseling and Wellness Center, whose goal is to help students be maximally effective in their academic pursuits by reducing or eliminating emotional, psychological, and interpersonal problems that interfere with academic functioning. The Center can be found online at <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc> or reached by phone at 392-1575.

## Class Schedule

Week	Date	Topic	Assignment due	
<b>1</b>	<b>July 2</b>	Course introduction and expectations; What is Anthropology?	<u>Read:</u> syllabus, Ember Ch. 1;	
	3	What is Anthropology? The concept of culture	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 1;	
	4	<b>Independence Day- NO CLASSES</b>	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 2; Spradley Ch 1&2	
	5	The concept of culture; Theoretical Approaches in Cultural Anthropology I	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 3; Spradley Ch 5	
	6	Theoretical Approaches in Cultural Anthropology II; Explanation and Evidence	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 3; Spradley Ch 5; <u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 4; <b>Quiz 1- Due by July 7; 7:00 pm</b>	
	<b>2</b>	9	Explanation and Evidence	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 4;
10		Communication and Language	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 6-7	
11		Communication and Language II	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 5; Spradley Ch 8-9	
12		Communication and Language		
13		<b>Exam 1- Elearning (No Class)</b>		
<b>3</b>	16	Getting Food	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 6; Spradley Ch 10-13	
	17	Economic systems	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 7; Spradley Ch 14-17	
	18	Economic systems	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 7; Spradley Ch 14-17	
	19	Social Stratification: Class, Ethnicity and Racism	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 8	
	20	Social Stratification: Class, Ethnicity and Racism	AAA statement on race; Spradley Ch 23 & 25; <b>Quiz 2- Due by July 21; 7:00 pm</b>	
<b>4</b>	23	Sex, Gender and Culture	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 9; Reflection question on Race film; Spradley Ch 22 & 24	
	24	Marriage and the Family	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 10; Spradley Ch 18-19	
	25	Marital Residence and Kinship	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 11; Spradley Ch 20	
	26	Associations and Interest Groups	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 12; Spradley Ch 26;	
	27	<b>Exam 2- Elearning (No Class)</b>		
	<b>5</b>	30	Associations and Interest Groups	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 12; Spradley Ch 26
		31	Political Life: Social Order and Disorder	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 13; Spradley Ch 26-27
<b>Aug 1</b>		Psychology and Culture	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 14	
2		Religion, Magic and the Arts	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 15, 16	
3		Religion, Magic and the Arts	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 15,16; <b>Quiz 3- Due by Aug 4; 7:00 pm</b>	
<b>6</b>	6	Culture Change and Globalization	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 17; Spradley Ch 34	
	7	Applied and Practicing Anthropology	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 18	
	8	Medical Anthropology	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 19; Spradley Ch 38	
	9	Global Social Problems	<u>Read:</u> Ember Ch. 20;	
	10	<b>Exam 3- Elearning (No Class)</b>		

