

ANT 2000: General Anthropology-Fall 2012
Section: 3204
Class Time: Tuesday 3:00-4:55 PM & Thursday 4:05-4:55
Location: PUGH 170

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Course Description: Anthropology is the study of humankind in all times and places. This course is designed to introduce the student to the four subfields of anthropology: cultural anthropology, archaeology, physical anthropology, and linguistics.

The exploration of these subfields will highlight the rich diversity of human cultural experience and evaluate how both culture and biology consciously and unconsciously shapes our thoughts and actions. Through this process, it is intended that the student will come to reflect upon and critically examine their own cultural values and the role it plays in their life.

This course will also investigate the relevance of anthropology to large-scale global issues such as warfare, economics, and environmental degradation and preservation. An emphasis is placed upon the recognition of the interconnectedness of humanity, not only in the present condition, but also in the past.

Finally, the class will delve into questions centered upon the significance of knowing our past through the observation of how it comes into play in both present and future concerns.

Course Objectives:

- To provide a thorough exploration of the four subfields of anthropology.
- Underscore the relevance of anthropology in both the macro and micro scale, from global to personal concerns.
- Develop an appreciation for the rich complexity and breadth of human diversity.
- Examine the interplay between biology and culture.
- Assess the role of the past to the present and future.

Required Text:

Haviland, William A., Harald E. L. Prins, Dana Walrath, and Bunny McBride

2010 *The Essence of Anthropology*, Second or Third Edition. Wadsworth. Belmont
ISBN #: 0534623719

Grading: Grades will be determined by **three exams** and **six critical thinking assignments**. The point breakdown is as follows: Exam 1= 50 points, Exam 2= 50 points, Exam 3= 50 points,

Critical Thinking Assignments= 10 points each x 6= 60 points. This comes out to a total of 210 points.

Critical Thinking Assignments: You are responsible for turning in six critical thinking assignments over the course of the semester. At the end of each chapter in your textbook is a section titled Questions for Reflection. You will pick one of these questions from the chapter that is currently assigned and write a **1 page minimum- 2 page maximum response**.

Paper Format: You should have a cover page that has the following information- your name, course ID (ANT 2000), and the question you are answering. NOTE: THE TITLE PAGE DOES NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE PAPER LENGTH. Your paper should be typed in Times New Roman, double-spaced, 12 point font, 1-inch margins.

Assignments are **due on Friday by 5 p.m. of each week over the course of the semester starting with Week 3. No late assignments are accepted.**

Papers are submitted via the course Sakai website under the Assignments tab. You are responsible for submitting your paper in the appropriate file format (.doc or .docx).

You have roughly 14 weeks to turn in 6 papers. **Only one paper can be turned in each week. You are responsible for managing your time and planning ahead to meet these requirements.** These questions are designed to apply anthropological principles to real-life issues. There are no “correct” answers and, therefore, the questions will require you to think critically.

Course Grading Scale:

A 93-100	A- 90-92.9	B+ 87-89.9	B 83-86.9	B- 80-82.9
C+ 77-79.9	C 73-76.9	C- 70-72.9	D+ 67-69.9	D 63-66.9
D- 60-62.9	E 59.9 and below			

To figure out your grade, simply divide the total points you have earned by the total possible points and multiply by 100.

Grade Dispute Policy: Concerns about grades should be addressed **within 48 hours** of when they are posted. Otherwise, all grades become final after the 48 hour deadline.

Extra Credit: Extra credit **may** be offered through the course of the semester, however, **it is not guaranteed.**

Make-up Exam Policy: Make-up exams will be administered for students who miss the regularly scheduled exam due to a University approved excused absence such as illness, serious family emergencies, religious holidays, court-imposed legal obligations, and participation in official university activities. Documentation (doctor’s note, etc.) is required to substantiate your absence.

Attendance Policy: Attendance for this course is **not required** but is strongly recommended. Slides will not be posted on Sakai and test materials will not be drawn exclusively from the textbook.

Student Conduct: All students must comply with the Student Conduct Code which can be found at www.dso.ufl.edu/studentguide/studentconductcode.php. Any behavior that interferes with either the instructor's ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to benefit from the instructional program will not be tolerated. **Please turn off cell phones and all other electronic devices before class. Laptops may only be used to take notes. Disruptive students will be asked to leave.**

Academic Honesty: Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. As a registered student in this course and at the University of Florida, you have agreed to the following statement: "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." **If you are caught plagiarizing or cheating on exams you will receive an automatic zero and will be referred to University administration for disciplinary action.** If you have any questions please refer to the University's Honor Code which is available online at: www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/students.html

Disability 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. The Disability Resource office is located in 001 Reid Hall. Further information can be found at www.dso.ufl.edu/drp.

UF Counseling and Other Services: Resources are available on campus for students having personal or goal oriented problems.

1. Counseling and Wellness Center, Radio Road, 352-392-1575
2. Reading and Writing Center, SW Broward Hall, 352-392-2010
3. Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601

Class Schedule:

Week	Topic	Reading	Assignment
August 22-24	The Essence of Anthropology	Chapter 1	
August 27-31	Biology and Evolution	Chapter 2	
Sept 4-7 (Labor Day Sept 3)	Living Primates	Chapter 3	*Can start Critical Thinking Assignments
Sept 10-14	Human Evolution	Chapter 4	

Sept 17-21	The Neolithic Revolution	Chapter 5	
Sept 24-28	Emergence of Cities and States	Chapter 6	Exam 1 Sept. 27th
Oct 1-5	Race and Racism	Chapter 7	
Oct 8-12	The Characteristics of Culture	Chapter 8	
Oct 15-19	Language and Communication	Chapter 9	
Oct 22-26	Social Identity, Personality, and Gender	Chapter 10	
Oct 29-Nov 2	Subsistence and Exchange	Chapter 11	Exam 2 Nov. 1st
Nov 5-8 (Homecoming Nov 9)	Sex, Marriage, and Family	Chapter 12	
Nov 13-16 (Veterans Day Nov 12)	Kinship and Other Forms of Grouping	Chapter 13	
Nov 19-20 (Thanksgiving Break Nov 21-23)	Spirituality and Religion	Chapter 15	
Nov 26-Nov 30	Politics, Power and Violence	Chapter 14	
Dec 3-Dec 5	Global Changes and the Role of Anthropology	Chapter 16	
Dec 10-Dec 14			Exam 3 Dec 14th