

ANT2000: Introduction to General Anthropology

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COURSE MEETING TIME(S):

Time: 12:30 – 1:45 PM Place: Turlington Hall L005

RECOMMENDED TEXT:

Miller, Barbara D.

2008 Anthropology, 2nd Edition. Boston, MA: Pearson Education, Inc.

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES:

What is anthropology and what is it that anthropologists do? This course will answer this question by exploring the four fields of anthropology (archaeological, biological, cultural, and linguistic anthropology) and the contributions of these individual fields to our understanding of humanity. The purpose of this course is to provide students with a broad introduction to the discipline of anthropology and discuss its importance to the study of contemporary global issues including race, globalization, development, and health.

By the end of the course, each student should be able to:

1. Define anthropology and describe its sub-disciplines
2. Discuss Darwinian evolution and elaborate specifically on human evolution
3. Understand the relationship between culture and biology
4. Discuss the relevance of anthropology and anthropological research for addressing contemporary problems in a globalized world

BREAKDOWN OF GRADING:

Response Paper (1): 25 points

Students will be required to write a two-page paper in response to the film “Lost Cities of the Amazon”. In this paper, students will be asked to describe the archaeological evidence examined in the film and discuss its importance for new interpretations of Amazonian prehistory.

Pop Quizzes (5): 5 points each

Five small pop quizzes that cover general concepts and vocabulary will be held during the course. Just come to lecture everyday and make 25 points with relative ease!

Exams (3): 50 points each

Exams are non-cumulative and consist of 50 multiple choice questions.

TOTAL: 200 points

COURSE GRADING SCALE:

100- 92.0%	A	81.9-80.0%	B-	69.9-67.0%	D+
91.9-90.0%	A-	79.9-77.0%	C+	66.9-62.0%	D
89.9-87.0%	B+	76.9-72.0%	C	61.9-60.0%	D-
86.9-82.0%	B	71.9-70.0%	C-	59.9 or below	E

ACADEMIC HONESTY

All students must comply with University of Florida 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.” Students caught cheating will be referred to the University administration for disciplinary action.

SPECIAL CLASSROOM ACCOMODATION

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/>].

CALENDAR:**Week 1 (June 27 – July 1)**

- (M): What the heck is anthropology? (and what ISN'T anthropology?) (Chapter 1)
- (T): Culture and Diversity (Chapter 2)
- (W): Science, Biology, and Evolution (Chapter 3)
- (R): Methods in Anthropology (Chapter 4)
- (F): Non-Human Primates (Chapter 5)

Week 2 (July 4 – July 8)

- (M): 4th of July - HOLIDAY
- (T): Early Human Ancestors (Chapter 6)
- (W): Archaic Homo (Chapter 7)
- (R): Modern Humans: Origins and Migrations (Chapter 8)
- (F): EXAM 1

Week 3 (July 11 – July 15)

- (M): Domestication and Sedentism (Chapter 9)
- (T): The Rise of the State and Complex Society (Chapter 9)
- (W): Video – Digging for the Truth
- (R): Contemporary Human Biological Diversity (Chapter 10)
- (F): Economic Systems (Chapter 11) **Response Paper Due!**

Week 4 (July 18 – July 22)

- (M): Reproduction, Sex, and Gender (Chapter 12)
- (T): Disease, Illness, and Healing (Chapter 13)
- (W): Kinship and Family (Chapter 14)
- (R): Social Groups and Social Stratification (Chapter 15)
- (F): EXAM 2

Week 5 (July 25 – July 29)

(M): Political Life (Chapter 16)

(T): Communication and Linguistic Anthropology (Chapter 17)

(W): Religion (Chapter 18)

(R): Symbolic and Expressive Culture (Chapter 19)

(F): Video- Cannibal Tours (No Readings)

Week 6 (Aug. 1 – Aug. 5)

(M): Immigration and the U.S. (Chapter 20)

(T): Culture Change (Chapter 21)

(W): Applied Anthropology (Chapter 21)

(R): Exam Review (Chapters 16-21)

(F): EXAM