

Anthropology 203.03
Introduction to Anthropology
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Location: ICT 122

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Blackboard: All course materials and information, as well as unofficial grades, will be posted on the U of C Blackboard.

Email Policy

In any email correspondence please begin with the course code (anth203) in the subject line along with the subject of your message. Most of the time, you can expect a reply to an email within 24 hours. Please do NOT expect an immediate reply. You should also know that I will only rarely reply to emails on the weekends. Also I will not reply to emails that are not signed at least with your first name.

Cell phone and Laptop Policy

Cell phones must be turned off during the class. Laptops should be used only for taking notes. Since the screens can be distracting to students sitting behind, if you wish to use your laptop please sit toward the back of the class.

REQUIRED TEXT:

The Text for this course is a custom text based on Ferraro, Gary. 2010. Cultural Anthropology: An Applied Perspective. (8th Edition), Toronto: Thomson Wadsworth. It also includes select chapters from Ferraro, Gary. 2008. Classic Readings in Cultural Anthropology. Toronto: Thomson Wadsworth.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To provide a basic understanding of the concepts, theories, methods and central issues of cultural anthropology that will form the basis for future studies in socio-cultural anthropology and the social sciences in general.
2. To apply anthropological principles, methods, and concepts to engender a critical thinking about Western culture and society.
3. To develop the student's appreciation of social and cultural diversity resulting from the variety of ways people have organised their lives and given meaning to their environment and their experiences.
4. To demonstrate the links between the individual, their social world, and global processes.
5. To develop critical thinking and writing skills through a term paper.

COURSE FORMAT

This course will follow an interactive lecture-discussion style format accompanied by the occasional film or video. Lectures will not repeat or cover all the material in the text but will elaborate on selected topics to provide a deeper understanding of the material. Assigned textbook readings may be augmented with suggested additional readings and handouts.

COURSE CONTENT:

The course takes a comparative approach to the ways people order their lives, and structure and give meaning to their experiences through gender, class, race, ethnicity, kinship, religion, language and so on. It looks at how all human experience, including our own, is embedded within particular historical and cultural processes with a particular focus on the forces of globalization.

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

Although attendance and participation are not considered in the grade for this course students are expected to attend all classes and to contribute to class discussions based on the assigned readings and films. Students will be unable to make valuable contributions to discussion, or benefit from the contributions of others, if the readings have not been done beforehand. As you are required to demonstrate a working knowledge of all course materials in exams, grades will suffer if more than two classes are missed. Students are expected to be present for all exams.

ASSESSMENT

1. Mid term exam 1:

- 20% of final grade
- September 30

2. Mid-term exam 2:

- 20% of final grade
- Date: October 19

3. Mid-term exam 3:

- 20% of final grade
- Date: Nov 9

4. Final Exam:

- The final exam will be a registrar scheduled exam
- 40% of final grade
- Date: Dec 12-21 Exact date and time TBA

Additional information about the exams provided during the first class.

GRADING SYSTEM:

Each item of course work will be weighted as above and a final mark out of 100 calculated. This will then be converted to a letter grade as follows:

A+	94.9–100	A	89.9–94.8%	A-	84.9–89.8 %
B+	79.9–84.8 %	B	74.9–79.8 %	B-	70.9–74.8 %
C+	66.9–70.8 %	C	62.9–66.8 %	C-	58.9–62.8 %
D+	54.9 %– 58.8%D		49.9–54.8 %	F	49.8 and below

PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING

Plagiarism: “to steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one’s own” (Webster’s). Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will automatically result in a failing grade for the submission. Any student caught plagiarizing July also be subject to additional University sanctions. Students are expected to be familiar with the Anthropology Departments policy on intellectual honesty available at:

<https://www.anth.ucalgary.ca/home/links/intellectual-honesty-guidelines>

DEFERRED EXAMS:

Deferral of a mid-term exam must be cleared with the instructor. Deferral will be granted only in cases of personal injury, illness, or immediate family emergency. An official note or other documentation explaining the reason for the absence is required. Deferral of the final exam requires Registrar approval.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

It is the student’s responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who July require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

In the event that the classroom should need to be evacuated due to an emergency situation please note that the primary assembly point shall be at the Social Science Food Court and the ICT Food Court shall be used as a secondary assembly point.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF LECTURES AND READINGS

Please note that the list below is tentative. Some topics will require more attention than others, and we will take more time with them. Any changes will be announced in class. All chapter readings refer to Andreatta and Ferraro.

Mon Sept 12	Introduction: What is Anthropology
Wed Sept 14	Core Concepts (Chs 1 and 2)
Fri Sept 15	Core Concepts (Chs 1 and 2)
Mon Sept 19	Core Concepts (Chs 1 and 2)
Wed Sept 21	Applied Anthropology & Anthropological Methods (Chs. 3. and 5)
Fri Sept 23	Applied Anthropology & Anthropological Methods (Chs. 3. and 5)
Mon Sept 26	A Brief History of Anthropological Thought (Ch 4)
Wed Sept. 28	A Brief History of Anthropological Thought (Ch 4)
Fri Sept 30	Midterm Exam 1
Mon Oct 3	Language and Culture (Ch 6)
Wed Oct 5	Language and Culture (Ch 6)
Fri Oct 7	Language and Culture (Ch 6)
Mon Oct 10	Thanksgiving No Class
Wed Oct 12	Economic Systems (Ch 8)
Fri Oct 14	Economic Systems (Ch 7)
Mon Oct 17	Economic Systems (Ch 7)
Wed Oct 19	Midterm Exam 2
Fri Oct 21	Marriage, (Ch 9)
Mon Oct 24	Marriage, (Ch 9)
Wed Oct 26	The Family (Ch 9)
Fri Oct 28	Kinship and Descent (Ch 10)
Mon Oct 31	Kinship and Descent (Ch 10)
Wed Nov 2	Social Inequality: Sex and Gender (Ch. 11)
Fri Nov 4	Social Inequality: Sex and Gender (Ch. 11)
Mon Nov 7	Social Inequality: Sex and Gender (Ch. 11)
Wed Nov 9	Midterm exam 3
Fri Nov 11	Reading day No Class
Mon Nov 14	Social Inequality: Class, Race, Caste (Ch. 12)
Wed Nov 16	Social Inequality: Class, Race, Caste (Ch. 12)
Fri Nov 18	Social Inequality: Class, Race, Caste (Ch. 12)
Mon Nov 21	Religion (Ch. 14)
Wed Nov 23	Religion (Ch. 14)
Fri Nov 25	Religion (Ch. 14)
Mon Nov 28	Religion (Ch. 14)
Wed Nov 30	Religion (Ch. 14)
Fri Dec 2	Culture Change and Globalization, (Ch 16)
Mon Dec 4	Culture Change and Globalization, (Ch 16)
Wed Dec 6	Culture Change and Globalization, (Ch 16)
Fri Dec 9	Culture Change and Globalization, (Ch 16) Last Class
Dec 12 – Dec 21	Final Exam. Exact date, time, and place TBA