

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY  
University of Calgary

ANTH 203: Introduction to Social Anthropology  
Spring 2014

Course Outline

Course: TuTh 12:00-14:45  
Location: A 142

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Hours: TuTh 10:00-11:30 (or by appointment)

### TEACHING STYLE

We will be together for five hours a week. To keep us all interested and engaged I encourage student participation through responding to questions, asking questions, and class and small-group discussions. You'll learn more if you participate, and you'll have more fun.

Anthropology is about human beings in all our variety. In order to best represent the variations and similarities of our species I will make use of videos (some film-length and some short clips), images, and audio resources.

The job of an anthropologist is to observe, participate, and take copious notes. I have designed this course so that you will be required to take notes during the lectures. Sometimes the readings and lectures will overlap considerably, at other times not so much. I recommend doing the readings in advance of the lectures to increase your level of comfort with the material, and in contributing to discussions.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

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 human experience, including our own, is embedded within particular historical and cultural processes.

Emphasis will be on the diversity of human cultures and what is common to our species. This course will also emphasize the continuing relevance of anthropological examination and analysis in a globalizing world.

### COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course you will:

1. Demonstrate a basic understanding of the concepts, theories, methods and central issues of social and cultural anthropology that will form the basis for future studies in socio-cultural anthropology and the social sciences in general.

2. Apply anthropological principles, methods, and concepts to engender a critical thinking about Western culture and society.
3. Demonstrate an appreciation of the 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. Demonstrate the links between the individual, their social world, and global processes.

## REQUIRED TEXT

Ferraro, Gary and Susan Andreatta  
 2014 Cultural Anthropology: An Applied Perspective (10<sup>th</sup> edition). Cengage: Stamford CT.

NOTE: The 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the text (2011) is an acceptable alternative.

## LECTURE AND READING SCHEDULE

The Lecture and Reading Schedule is a separate document, and will be posted to Desire2Learn (D2L) prior to the start of the course.

Readings should be done prior to the lectures to enhance your understanding and ability to participate in class discussions.

This being a Spring course, it is short and moves quickly. Tests and exams will arrive fast, so I highly recommend you do not get behind on your reading.

## ASSESSMENT

The grade in this course will be determined on the basis of two midterm exams and one final exam. Exams are NOT cumulative. All exams are multiple choice.

Midterm Exam 1 – 30% of final grade – Thursday, May 29, 2014

Midterm Exam – 30% of final grade – Thursday, June 12, 2014

Final Exam – 40% of final grade – Set by the Registrar (June 26-30, 2014)

Please Note: Since ALL materials will be covered on exams (including readings, videos, lectures, and discussions), students will need to attend class AND complete the readings to do well in the course. Slides will be posted on D2L in 3-slide and 6-slide PDF format after the lecture.

## DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY GRADING SCHEME

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

## COURSE POLICIES

### Missed Exams

A missed examination automatically receives a score of zero. In the event of an emergency or illness, notify the instructor ([jlfinlay@ucalgary.ca](mailto:jlfinlay@ucalgary.ca)) or the Department of Anthropology office

(403-220-6516), preferably before the missed exam. Documentation (e.g., a doctor's note) may be requested before a make-up test will be scheduled. Midterms must be made up within one week of the scheduled exam date.

### **Returned Exams**

Results of exams will be posted on D2L. Exams will NOT be returned to the student, but can be reviewed with the instructor during office hours or by appointment. Exam reviews must be completed within one week of the grades being posted.

No accommodation will be made for poor performance on exams. For instance, additional items cannot be submitted in lieu of exams and grades will not be curved. Be sure that you are prepared for exams so that you perform well when you have the opportunity.

### **Email Policy**

Students are encouraged to email the instructor with any concerns or questions regarding the course. Please use ANTH 203 in the subject line. If your question regards an issue that requires some depth, or a potential lengthy email exchange, the instructor may request a face-to-face meeting instead of a prolonged email response. As the instructor has many other duties, please note that it may take up to 24 hours to receive a reply.

### **Electronic Devices**

Appropriate etiquette is required for use of any electronic devices in the classroom. Specifically, please do not distract other students or the instructor in your use of such devices. Cell phones should be turned off or placed on silent/vibrate during class, and any emergency phone calls answered outside of the lecture hall.

Unless approved by the instructor in advance, audio and visual recordings are banned. This is to protect both the rights of the instructor and the rights of every student.

## **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS**

It is the students' responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with Student Accessibility Services, please contact their office at (403) 220-8237 or visit their website: [www.ucalgary.ca/access](http://www.ucalgary.ca/access). Students who have not registered with Student Accessibility Services are not eligible for academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of the course.

## **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 may also be subject to additional University sanctions. Students are expected to be familiar with the Anthropology Department's policy on intellectual honesty available at: <http://anth.ucalgary.ca/home/links/intellectual-honesty-guidelines>.

## 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 is the Social Science Food Court and the secondary assembly point is the ICT Food Court.

## CAMPUS SECURITY

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