

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY  
University of Calgary

**ANTH 203: Introduction to Social Anthropology  
Summer 2016**

**Course Outline**

Time: TR 9:00-11:45  
Location: MFH 164

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**TEACHING STYLE**

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 classic and recent anthropology videos (some film-length and some short clips) and images.

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 any 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.
2. Apply anthropological principles, methods, and concepts to critical thinking about human cultures and societies.
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. **Cultural Anthropology: An Applied Perspective (10<sup>th</sup> edition)**. 2014.

## **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.

## **ASSESSMENT**

Three multiple choice exams (NOT cumulative):

Midterm Exam 1 – 30% of final grade – Tuesday, July 19, 2016 (in-class)

Midterm Exam – 30% of final grade – Tuesday, August 2, 2016 (in-class)

Final Exam – 40% of final grade – Set by the Registrar (August 19-22, 2016)

Please Note: Since ALL materials will be covered on exams (including readings, films, and lectures), 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 PDF format.

## **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 and Archaeology 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 by appointment with the instructor. 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 the weighting of grades will not be modified. Be sure that you are prepared for exams so that you perform well when you have the opportunity.

### **Adjusted Grades**

The instructor will implement a standard measure of adjustment for grades. Please do not request that the instructor increase or "round up" your final grade.

### **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 48 hours to receive a reply, excluding weekends and statutory holidays.

### **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 ACCOMMODATION**

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.

## **ACADEMIC HONESTY**

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 Faculty of Arts' policy on intellectual honesty available at:  
<http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/get-your-degree/intellectual-honesty>.

## **DESIRE 2 LEARN (D2L) HELP**

Go to <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/category/students/> for Student Help and FAQs about D2L. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are also available on this website.

## **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 Education Block Food Court and the secondary assembly point is the Scurfield Hall - Atrium.

## **CAMPUS SECURITY**

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