

Anthropology 203.03
Introduction to Anthropology
Winter 2014



Location: ST140

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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 all human experience, including our own, is embedded within particular historical and cultural processes with a particular focus on the forces of globalization.

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.

COURSE OUTCOMES:

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. demonstrate 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. 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 AND SOFTWARE:

Text

Ferraro, Gary and Susan Andreatta 2014. *Cultural Anthropology: An Applied Perspective* (10th edn). Cengage: Stamford CT.

Top Hat

- Students are required to set up a Top Hat (TH) account. TH will be used to assess participation and comprehension which are grade components (see below) for the course. The university has a site license for the application and accounts can be set up at for free at <https://app.tophat.com/register/student/>
- The TH course code is: 754179
- **The password for the course is: Anthro3** (may be case sensitive)
- The TH URL is: <https://app-ca.tophat.com/e/754179>
- During most classes (but not all) questions will be posted some time during the class using TH and based on that day's readings or the class material.
- Questions are answered using your cell phone, laptop, or tablet. Note: there will only be a 1-2 minute window in which to answer the questions.
- ½ a point is allotted for answering the question, and ½ a point for answering it correctly
- At the end of the course the points achieved out of the total possible (e.g. 15) will be used to calculate a mark out of 10. For example if you get 12 out of 15 you will get a mark of 10/10.
- Students can track their progress in TH.
- THM will also be used for other participation and comprehension purposes during the class with no marks attached.

Additional Readings

Additional readings may be made available through Blackboard.

COURSE POLICIES

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 (anth2032) 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/Tablet Policy

Cell phones must be turned off during the class except when in use for Top Hat (see below). Laptops and tablets should be used only for taking notes. Since the screens can be distracting to students sitting behind, if you wish to use your laptop or tablet please sit toward the back of the class.

ASSESSMENT

The grade in the course will be determined on the basis of the following:

1. Mid term exam 1:

- 25% of final grade
- Date: Feb 10 2014

2. Mid term exam 2:

- 25% of final grade
- Date: March 17, 2014

3. Final Exam:

- 40% of final grade
- The final exam will be a registrar scheduled exam
- Date: April 17; 19-29. Exact date, time, and place TBA

4. Participation

- Percent of grade: 10%

Exams are Not Cumulative

ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to attend all classes and to contribute to class discussions based on the class material, 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.

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.

USRI:

At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses (www.ucalgary.ca/usri). Your responses make a difference - please participate in USRI Surveys.

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.

Mon Jan 13	Introduction (Ch 1) and Concept of Culture (Ch 2)
Mon Jan 20	Concept of Culture (Ch 2) and Methods (Ch 5)
Mon Jan 27	A Brief History of Anthropological Thought (Ch 4)
Mon Feb 3	Language and Communication (Ch 6)
Mon Feb 10	Midterm Exam 1 and Economic Systems (Chs 7 and 8)
Mon Feb 17	No Class Reading Week
Mon Feb 24	Economic Systems (Ch 7 and Ch 8) and Marriage and Family (Ch 9)
Mon Mar 3	Kinship and Descent (Ch 10) and Sex and Gender (Ch 11)
Mon Mar 10	Sex and Gender (Ch 11)
Mon Mar 17	Midterm Exam 2 Social Stratification (Ch 12)
Mon Mar 24	Religion (Ch 14)
Mon Mar 31	Religion and (Ch 14) Applying Anthropology (Ch 3)
Mon Apr 7	Applying Anthropology (Ch 3) and Globalization (Ch 16)
Mon Apr 14	Last Class - Culture Change and Globalization (Ch 16) and Review
Apr - 17; 19-29	Final Exam. Exact date, time, and place TBA.

Note: we will not cover Chapter 13 on Political Organization or 15 on Art due to time constraints