

ANTY 101H: ANTHROPOLOGY AND THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE

(THE CLASS FORMERLY KNOWN AS INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY)

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GOALS AND PURPOSE

Life in our modern world increasingly demands interaction between ourselves and peoples of diverse cultures, many of whom often look and behave strangely from our point of view. At the same time, our own country is characterized by increasing biological and cultural diversity, as peoples of a variety of backgrounds continue to seek a new life within our borders. Unfortunately, many Americans are confused by this because they are not equipped to understand how peoples differ or to deal with diversity. Anthropology 101 addresses these issues by taking an integrated, holistic look at humanity on a world-wide scale in order to give students the tools to build understanding of peoples and cultures with which they are not familiar. Within this course we will: (1) learn anthropological terminology, methods, and ways of looking at the world; (2) take a quick overview of human biological and cultural evolution; and (3) briefly survey the range of biological, cultural, and social diversity that exists in the world.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, a student will be able to:

- Explain and apply core anthropological concepts and theories;
- Make better sense of cross cultural diversity and social practices in the US and around the world;
- Evaluate fossils and artifacts and situate them within their proper times and socio-cultural adaptations;
- Synthesize information in order to understand the causes and results of milestones in biological and cultural evolution;
- Appreciate how natural and social environments have an impact on a people's sociocultural systems;
- Be able to understand and predict the effect of increasing globalization and contact between peoples;
- Understand the holistic and relativistic nature of anthropological research and practice;
- Have a preliminary understanding of anthropological research methods.

TEXTBOOK

Ember CR, Ember M, & Peregrine PN, 2015. Anthropology. Pearson Learning Solutions. ISBN 1-323-24374-7.

The text is available at the UC Bookstore. Readings are listed in the lecture and reading schedule and should ideally be read before coming to class each day. Realistically, there is no way to do all this reading during a Wintersession time frame, so I will not rely on the textbook for exams.

GRADING

I will offer 4 exams over the semester. Grades will be based your 3 best exams out of the four, each worth 25% of your grade. Exams will be 50 questions, multiple choice. The remaining 25% of your grade will come from assignments offered weekly over the semester. There are two types of assignments most weeks: a quiz over the lectures for that week and an assignment that explores some relevant topic (usually in the form of a game). I use this grading scale: A = 100-90, B = 89-80, C = 79-60, D = 59-50, F = 49-0. I do not normally use +/- grading, but I reserve the right to assign individual students +/- grades in special circumstances. The grading mode is "open" meaning that you can take the class for a traditional grade or CR/NCR. If you take a class CR/NCR you cannot count it toward specific major, minor, option, or certificate requirements that require a minimum grade.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Students with disabilities will be accommodated upon recommendation by Disability Student Services (DSS). The Anthropology Department does not have facilities for special testing accommodations, so these will have to be provided by DSS.
- This class and the students enrolled in it are subject to the Student Conduct Code of the University of Montana.
- Students are responsible for relevant course add/drop/change deadlines posted on the Registrar's Office website.

PROVISIONAL * LECTURE & READING SCHEDULE

WEEK	ACTIVITIES	TEXT READING
Week 1	Lecture 1: What is Anthropology Lecture 2: The Big Messages of Anthropology Lecture 3: Old and New Anthropology – Example from Melanesia Quiz for Lectures 1, 2, and 3 Assignment 1: Why Take Anthropology?	Chapter 1 Chapter 2
Week 2	Labor Day Holiday Lecture 4: Video: Meet the Natives USA, Montana Lecture 5: Adaptation Quiz for Lectures 4 and 5 Assignment 2: Careers in Anthropology	
Week 3	Lecture 6: Fossils and Artifacts Lecture 7: Reproduction, Sex, and Kinship Lecture 8: Evolution Quiz for Lectures 6, 7, and 8 Assignment 3: Evolutionary Trees Game	Chapter 3
Week 4	Lecture 9: Human Variation, Race, and Intolerance Lecture 10: How Do Biological Populations Form Lecture 11: The Nature/Nurture Debate and Primates Quiz for Lectures 9, 10, and 11 Assignment 4: Prisoner's Dilemma Game	Chapter 4 Chapter 5
Week 5	Lecture 12: The Evolution of Behavior Lecture 13: Primate Behavior Quiz for Lectures 12 and 13 Exam 1: covering lectures 1 thru 13 and assignment 2 1 thru 4	
Week 6	Lecture 14: Evolution to the Apes Lecture 15: Early Hominins Lecture 16: Homo erectus Quiz for Lectures 14, 15, and 16 Assignment 5: Neanderthal Countries Game	Chapter 6 Chapter 7
Week 7	Lecture 17: Neanderthals, Denisovans, and Modern Humans Lecture 18: How Humans Filled Up the World Lecture 19: Upper Paleolithic and Mesolithic Quiz for Lectures 17, 18, and 19 Assignment 6: Order of Human Migrations Game	Chapter 8 Chapter 9
Week 8	Lecture 20: The Neolithic Lecture 21: The Origin of "Civilization" Lecture 22: What is Culture and How Do Cultures Form Quiz for Lectures 20, 21, and 22 Assignment 7: Ancient Civilizations Map Game	Chapter 10 Chapter 11 Chapter 12
Week 9	Lecture 23: Psychological Anthropology Lecture 24: Language and Culture Lecture 25: Language Families of the World Quiz for Lectures 23, 24, and 25 Assignment 8: Language Family by Map Game	Chapter 13 Chapter 14
Week 10	Lecture 26: The Anthropology of DNA Ancestry Tests Exam 2: Covering lectures 13 thru 26 and assignments 5 thru 8 Lecture 27: Subsistence and Resources Quiz for Lecture 26	Chapter 15
Week 11	Lecture 28: Economic Anthropology Lecture 29: Inequality Lecture 30: Sex and Gender Quiz for Lectures 27, 28, 29, and 30 Assignment 9: Gender Terms Game	Chapter 16 Chapter 17 Chapter 18
Week 12	Veterans Day Holiday Lecture 31: Marriage, Family, and Residence Lecture 32: Descent and Kinship Quiz for Lectures 31 and 32 Assignment 10: Residence Game	Chapter 19 Chapter 20
Week 13	Thanksgiving Holiday Lecture 33: Associations and Groups	Chapter 21
Week 14	Lecture 34: Political Systems and Social Control Lecture 35: Religion Lecture 36: Ethics and Applied Anthropology Quiz for Lectures 33, 34, 35, and 36 Assignment 11: Map the Religions Game	Chapter 22 Chapter 23 Chapter 25
Week 15	Lecture 37: Medical Anthropology Lecture 38: Development and Globalization Quiz for Lecture 37 and 38 Exam 3: Covering lectures 27 thru 38 and assignments 9 thru 11	Chapter 26 Chapter 27 and it might be helpful to review Chapter 12
Finals Week	Final Exam: Covering all lectures and all assignments	

* This schedule is provisional and tentative. It may change as we go. Any changes will be posted on Moodle.