# ANTH202

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## **Course Summary**

Course: ANTH202 Title: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Length of Course: 8

Prerequisites: N/A Credit Hours: 3

## **Description**

**Course Description:** This course is designed to acquaint the novice anthropology student with anthropology and its various sub-fields, examining cross-cultural, global, comparative, and critical perspectives on human behavior and culture, as well as the diversity of human cultures from hunter-gatherers to industrialized city dwellers. The implications of socio-cultural analysis of economic, social, symbolic, and religious systems are also considered.

#### **Course Scope:**

This course is divided into 8 weeks and is organized to give students a broad context in which to study cultural anthropology. In this course, students will read about various cultural traditions throughout the world. Instruction is primarily textbook driven with accompanying online lectures and weekly online classroom discussion.

## **Objectives**

After you have completed this course, you should be able to:

- CO1- Define cultural anthropology as one of anthropology's four subfields
- CO2- Describe what is meant by ethnocentrism and cultural relativism
- CO3- Explain the methodology of and purpose for conducting anthropological fieldwork
- CO4- State what is meant by culture and examine the processes of cultural change
- CO5- Differentiate language and communication in both human and non-human primates
- CO6- Classify the structure of language using terms such as: morphology, phonology, syntax, and semantics
- CO7- Discuss how culture is learned, cross-culturally, by describing various practices including male and female initiation rites, differences in childrearing, and third genders

CO8- Recall differences in marriage and kinship systems, cross culturally

CO9- Appraise the various subsistence patterns across the world, explaining how resources are allocated in non-western societies

CO10- Compare western and nonwestern artwork and religious practices and beliefs

## **Outline**

## Week 1: Cultural Anthropology, Fieldwork

Course Objective(s)

1, 2, 3

Reading(s)

Syllabus

Week 1 Lesson

Week 1 Reading & Resources

Assignment(s)

Week 1 Discussion

## Week 2: Culture, Language

Course Objective(s)

1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Reading(s)

Week 2 Lesson

Week 2 Reading & Resources

Assignment(s)

Week 2 Discussion

Assignment 1

## Week 3: Race, Ethnicity, Nationality

Course Objective(s)

3, 4, 7

Reading(s)

Week 3 Lesson

Week 3 Reading & Resources

Assignment(s)

## Week 4: Sex, Gender, Marriage, Kinship

Course Objective(s) 3, 4, 7, 8 Reading(s) Week 4 Lesson Week 4 Reading & Resources Assignment(s) Week 4 Discussion Assignment 2 Week 5: Inequality, Economics Course Objective(s) 3, 4, 7, 9 Reading(s) Week 5 Lesson Week 5 Reading & Resources Assignment(s) Week 5 Discussion Week 6: Politics, Migration Course Objective(s) 3, 4, 7 Reading(s) Week 6 Lesson Week 6 Reading & Resources Assignment(s) Week 6 Discussion Assignment 3 Week 7: Health

3, 4, 7

Course Objective(s)

Reading(s)

Week 7 Lesson Week 7 Reading & Resources

Assignment(s)

Week 7 Discussion

Assignment 4

#### Week 8: Religion

Course Objective(s)

3, 4, 7, 10

Reading(s)

Week 8 Lesson Week 8 Reading & Resources

Assignment(s)

Week 8 Discussion

## **Evaluation**

#### Forums:

Participation in classroom dialogue on threaded Discussions is required in some weeks. Instructions and specific grading rubrics are found under the Discussions tab in our classroom.

#### Assignments:

This course includes four Assignments. Instructions and specific grading rubrics are found under the Assignments tab in our classroom.

#### **Extra Credit:**

Extra credit is not offered in this course.

#### **Grading:**

Name Grade %

## **Materials**

**Book Title:** Various resources from the APUS Library & the Open Web are used. Please visit http://apus.libguides.com/er.php to locate the course eReserve.\*

#### **Author:**

**ISBN: ERESERVE NOTE** 

## **Course Guidelines**

#### **Citation and Reference Style**

- Students will follow APA format as the sole citation and reference style used in written assignments submitted.
- Please note that no formal citation style is graded on Forums in the School of Arts & Humanities.

## **Tutoring**

<u>Tutor.com</u> offers online homework help and learning resources by connecting students to certified
tutors for one-on-one help. AMU and APU students are eligible for 10 free hours of tutoring provided by
APUS. Tutors are available 24/7 unless otherwise noted. Tutor.com also has a SkillCenter Resource
Library offering educational resources, worksheets, videos, websites and career help. Accessing these
resources does not count against tutoring hours and is also available 24/7. Please visit the APUS
Library and search for 'Tutor' to create an account.

#### **Late Assignments**

## **School of Arts & Humanities Late Policy**

Students are expected to submit classroom assignments by the posted due date and to complete the course according to the published class schedule. As adults, students, and working professionals, I understand you must manage competing demands on your time. Should you need additional time to complete an assignment, please contact me before the due date so we can discuss the situation and determine an acceptable resolution.

Work posted or submitted after the assignment due date will be reduced by 10% of the potential total score possible for each day late up to a total of five days, including forum posts/replies, quizzes, and assignments. Beginning on the sixth day late through the end of the course, late work, including forum posts/replies, quizzes, and assignments, will be accepted with a grade reduction of 50% of the potential total score earned.

#### Turn It In

Assignments are automatically submitted to Turnitin.com within the course. Turnitin.com will analyze an assignment submission and report a similarity score. Your assignment submission is automatically processed through the assignments area of the course when you submit your work.

#### **Academic Dishonesty**

Academic Dishonesty incorporates more than plagiarism, which is using the work of others without
citation. Academic dishonesty includes any use of content purchased or retrieved from web services
such as CourseHero.com or Scribd. Additionally, allowing your work to be placed on such web
services is academic dishonesty, as it is enabling the dishonesty of others. The copy and pasting of
content from any web page, without citation as a direct quote, is academic dishonesty. When in doubt,
do not copy/paste, and always cite.

## **University Policies**

#### Student Handbook

- Drop/Withdrawal policy
- Extension Requests
- Academic Probation
- Appeals
- <u>Disability Accommodations</u>

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