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
Guest Chapters 1 & 3
Week 1 Lesson
Assignment(s)
Week 1 Forum

Week 2: Culture, Language

Course Objective(s)
1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Reading(s)
Guest Chapters 2 & 4
Week 2 Lesson
Assignment(s)
Week 2 Forum
Assignment 1 due

Week 3: Race, Ethnicity, Nationality

Course Objective(s)
3, 4, 7
Reading(s)
Guest Chapters 5 & 6
Week 3 Lesson
Assignment(s)
Week 3 Forum
Week 4: Sex, Gender, Marriage, Kinship

Course Objective(s)
3, 4, 7, 8

Reading(s)
Guest Chapters 7&8

Week 4 Lesson

Assignment(s)
Week 4 Forum

Assignment 2 due

Week 5: Inequality, Economics

Course Objective(s)
3, 4, 7, 9

Reading(s)
Guest Chapter 9

Week 5 Lesson

Assignment(s)
Week 5 Forum

Week 6: Politics, Migration

Course Objective(s)
3, 4, 7

Reading(s)
Guest Chapters 10&11

Week 6 Lesson

Assignment(s)
Week 6 Forum

Assignment 3 due

Week 7: Health

Course Objective(s)
3, 4, 7

Reading(s)
Week 8: Religion

Course Objective(s)
3, 4, 7, 10

Reading(s)
Guest Chapter 12&13

Assignment(s)

Week 8 Forum

Evaluation

Forums:
Participation in classroom dialogue on threaded Forums is required. Forums are scheduled weekly and found in the Forums tab in the classroom. Initial Forum posts are due Thursdays, peer responses are due Sundays. Specific instructions and the grading rubric are located on each Forum.

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

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Materials

Book Title: Essentials of Cultural Anthropology: A Toolkit for a Global Age - The VitalSource e-book is provided via the APUS Bookstore

Author: Guest, Kenneth J.

Publication Info: W. W. Norton

ISBN: 9780393265019

Book Title: You must validate your cart to get access to your VitalSource e-book(s). If needed, instructions are available here - http://apus.libguides.com/bookstore/undergraduate

Author: N/A

Publication Info: N/A

ISBN: N/A

In this course we are using an electronic textbook through VitalSource Visual Bookshelf. Students are responsible for accessing their textbook during Week 1. Prior to the beginning of the course all students received VitalSource login credentials from EdMap. This information was sent to the student’s email address of record. If you have trouble accessing your textbook, contact the Book Office at ecm@apus.edu or contact EdMap directly at APUS_Customer_Service@edmap.com or call toll-free at 800-274-9104. You may also use the campus guide set up in the library for the new bookstore that might give you a run down on EdMap and VitalSource http://apus.campusguides.com/bookstore.

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

- Tutor.com 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.

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**University Policies**

**Student Handbook**

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

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