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# **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. Anthropology. Pearson Learning Solutions. Whatever edition is current in the UC Bookstore. Readings are listed on Moodle and should ideally be read watching the lecture videos.

## **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	<p><b>Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday</b>                      Lecture 1: What is Anthropology                      Lecture 2: The Big Messages of Anthropology                      Quiz for Lectures 1 and 2                      Assignment 1: Why Take Anthropology?</p>	Chapter 1
Week 2	<p>Lecture 3: Old and New Anthropology – Example from Melanesia                      Lecture 4: Video: Meet the Natives USA, Montana                      Lecture 5: Adaptation                      Quiz for Lectures 3, 4, and 5                      Assignment 2: Careers in Anthropology</p>	Chapter 2
Week 3	<p>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</p>	Chapter 3
Week 4	<p>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</p>	Chapter 4 Chapter 5
Week 5	<p>Lecture 12: The Evolution of Behavior                      Lecture 13: Primate Behavior                      Quiz for Lectures 12 and 13  <b>Exam 1: covering lectures 1 thru 13 and assignments 1 thru 4</b></p>	
Week 6	<p><b>Presidents Day Holiday</b>                      Lecture 14: Evolution to the Apes                      Lecture 15: Early Hominins                      Quiz for Lectures 14 and 15                      Assignment 5: Australopithecines Quiz Game</p>	Chapter 6
Week 7	<p>Lecture 16: Homo erectus                      Lecture 17: Neanderthals, Denisovans, and Modern Humans                      Lecture 18: How Humans Filled Up the World                      Quiz for Lectures 16, 17, and 18                      Assignment 6: Order of Human Migrations Game</p>	Chapter 7 Chapter 8
Week 8	<p>Lecture 19: Upper Paleolithic and Mesolithic                      Lecture 20: The Neolithic                      Lecture 21: The Origin of "Civilization"                      Quiz for Lectures 19, 20, and 21                      Assignment 7: Ancient Civilizations Map Game</p>	Chapter 9 Chapter 10 Chapter 11
Week 9	<p>Lecture 22: What is Culture and How Do Cultures Form                      Lecture 23: Psychological Anthropology                      Lecture 24: Language and Culture                      Quiz for Lectures 22, 23, and 24                      Assignment 8: Language Family by Map Game</p>	Chapter 12 Chapter 13 Chapter 14
SPRING BREAK		
Week 10	<p>Lecture 25: Language Families of the World                      Lecture 26: The Anthropology of DNA Ancestry Tests                      Quiz for Lectures 25 and 26  <b>Exam 2: Covering lectures 13 thru 26 and assignments 5 thru 8</b></p>	
Week 11	<p>Video: Language Endangerment                      Video: Northwest Profiles: Saving Salish – Language Revival                      Lecture 27: Subsistence and Resources                      Lecture 28: Economic Anthropology                      Quiz for Lectures 27, 28, and the 2 Videos                      Assignment 9: Gender Terms Game</p>	Chapter 15 Chapter 16
Week 12	<p>Lecture 29: Inequality                      Lecture 30: Sex and Gender                      Lecture 31: Marriage, Family, and Residence                      Quiz for Lectures 29, 30, and 31.                      Assignment 10: Residence Game</p>	Chapter 17 Chapter 18 Chapter 19
Week 13	<p>Three TED<sup>x</sup> videos on marriage                      Lecture 32: Descent and Kinship                      Lecture 33: Associations and Groups                      Quiz for Lectures 32, 33, and the Videos on Marriage                      Assignment 11: Descent and Kinship Quiz Game</p>	Chapter 20 Chapter 21
Week 14	<p>Lecture 34: Political Systems and Social Control                      Lecture 35: Religion                      Lecture 36: Ethics and Applied Anthropology                      Quiz for Lectures 34, 35, and 36                      Assignment 12: Map the Religions Game</p>	Chapter 22 Chapter 23 Chapter 25
Week 15	<p>Lecture 37: Medical Anthropology                      Lecture 38: Development and Globalization                      Quiz for Lecture 37 and 38  <b>Exam 3: Covering lectures 27 thru 38 and assignments 9 thru 12</b></p>	Chapter 26 Chapter 27 and it might be helpful to review Chapter 12
Finals Week	<b>Final Exam: Covering all lectures and all assignments</b>	

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