Anty 101H.01: Anthropology and the Human Experience

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# ANTHROPOLOGY 101-01
## INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY

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**Required Text:** ANTHROPOLOGY 14th Ed. by Ember & Ember, Participation in the Online Community Action Period is Required.

"... 45% of students show no significant improvement in the key measures of critical thinking, complex reasoning and writing by the end of their sophomore years." We can change that number, let’s try.

***Means that you watch this video from home or anywhere on your computer, but we will not be in the classroom that day. Watch on Youtube or Google.***

## COURSE OUTLINE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

| Jan.   | 18 | Introduction  
|        | 23 | Ch. 1 What is Anthropology  
|        | 25 | *** Video “Nanook of the North” 1922 version***  
|        | 30 | Ch. 2 Research Methods in Anthropology  
| Feb.   | 1  | Ch. 3 Genetics and Evolution & Ch. 4 Human Variation and Adaptation  
|        | 5  | Log/sign in to Action Period($15 fee online) www.publicanth.net  
|        | 6  | Ch. 5 Primates: Past and Present  
|        | 8  | *** Video “Among the Wild Chimpanzees” National Geographic with Jane Goodall. 1984, or 1993, or 2008- are all the same, 52-59 mins.  
|        | 13 | Ch. 6 The First Hominins  
|        | 15 | Ch. 7 The Origins of Culture and Emergence of Homo  
|        | 22 | Ch. 8 The Emergence of Homo sapiens & Ch. 9 The Upper Paleolithic World  
|        | 27 | 1st MIDTERM  
|        | 29 | Ch. 10 Origins of Food Production and Settled Life  
| Mar.   | 4  | BEGIN COMMUNITY ACTION PERIOD  
|        | 5  | Ch. 11 Origins of Cities and States  
|        | 7  | Ch. 12 Culture and Culture Change  
|        | 12 | Ch. 13 Culture and the Individual  
|        | 14 | Ch. 14 Communication and Language  
|        | 18-22 | NO CLASS SPRING BREAK  
|        | 26 | Rites of Passage  
|        | 28 | Ch. 15 Getting Food & Ch. 16 Economic Systems  
| April  | 2  | *** Video “A Man Called Bee”. 1974, 40 mins, about the Yanomami.  
|        | 4  | *** Video “Yanomami: From Machetes to Mobile Phones”. 50 minutes. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4ZITvRiBxk  
|        | 9  | Ch.17 Social Stratification ...
Course Objectives

1. Students will gain an appreciation of the diversity and richness of the human experience.
2. Students will acquire an understanding of the history, subject matter, and methods of study in anthropology.
3. Students will increase their knowledge of the history of human biological and cultural evolution.
4. Students will learn basic anthropological concepts and terms.

All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or a disciplinary sanction by The University. All students need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code which is available for review online: www.umt.edu/SA/VPSA/index.cfm/page/2585

Any student registered with DSS please check their website or your coordinator for accommodations.

Course Description

This class will provide an in-depth introduction to anthropology surveying the 4 subfields of biological anthropology, archaeology, social/cultural, and linguistic anthropology. We will cover prehistory to modern times. Primates, language, marriage, family, religion, and food production will be covered. This course is required for all anthropology majors and minors and fulfills the general education social science distribution requirement.

Your grade is based upon the following:

- A 360 points and above
- B 320 - 359 points
- C 280 - 319 points
- D 240 - 279 points
- F Below 239 points
- P/NP cutoff 260

Total possible points 420