



DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND EDUCATION  
ANTHROPOLOGY1010: INTRODUCTORY ANTHROPOLOGY  
COURSE OUTLINE, FALL, 2013

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m.

**PREREQUISITE(S) / COREQUISITE:** None

**REQUIRED TEXT / RESOURCE MATERIALS:**

Cohen, Jeffrey H., Cronk, Lee, Rees, Martha, Wood, Donald C. and Allison, Randal (Eds.) (2011). *Pearson Custom Anthropology*. Boston, MA.: Pearson Learning Solutions.

Podolefsky, Aaron and Brown, Peter J., (Eds.) (2012). *Applying anthropology: an introductory reader*. Boston, Mass.: McGraw-Hill Higher Education.

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

This course studies mankind through primate and cultural evolution, symbolic systems, cultural theory and culture change.

**CREDIT / CONTACT HOURS:** 3(3-0-0), 45 hours

**DELIVERY MODE(S):** Lecture

**OBJECTIVES:**

Exploration of the human experience through  
Comparisons through space and time, between cultures, between species  
Four-field approach  
    Physical anthropology: human variation, primatology, evolution  
    Archeology  
    Linguistics  
    Social anthropology: economic and political systems, kinship, gender  
Research methods

**TRANSFERABILITY:** UA, UC, UL, AU, AF, CU, CUC, KUC, GMU

Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability

**GRADING CRITERIA:  
FOR IN-CLASS ASSIGNMENTS ONLY**

ALPHA GRADE	4-POINT EQUIVALENT	PERCENTAGE
A+	4.3	80-100
A	4.0	76-79
A-	3.7	73-75
B+	3.3	70-72
B	3.0	67-69
B-	2.7	64-66
C+	2.3	60-63
C	2.0	55-59
C-	1.7	50-54
D+	1.3	45-49
D	1.0	40-44
F	0.0	<40

All other assignments are marked on the alpha system.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Designation
A <sup>+</sup>	4.0	EXCELLENT
A	4.0	
A <sup>-</sup>	3.7	FIRST CLASS STANDING
B <sup>+</sup>	3.3	
B	3.0	GOOD
B <sup>-</sup>	2.7	
C <sup>+</sup>	2.3	SATISFACTORY
C	2.0	
C <sup>-</sup>	1.7	
D <sup>+</sup>	1.3	MINIMAL PASS
D	1.0	
F	0.0	FAIL
WF	0.0	FAIL, withdrawal after the deadline

## EVALUATION

In-class Assignments		25.0%
Reading reflections	3x12.5% each	37.5%
Answers to questions	3x12.5% each	37.5%

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

There will be two principal kinds of assignments which will determine course grades: Reading Reflections and responses to Take-Home questions posed by the instructor. (For a description of Reading Reflections, see below.) Students will submit at least three of each, at a rate of not more than one a week, at my office by 2 p.m. on Mondays (including holidays). Only one assignment may be submitted for each week. **Only one late assignment** may be handed in, by 2 p.m. on Monday of Week 15. Each will be worth 12.5% of the final course grade (75% in total). If more than the required number of assignments is submitted, the lowest marks will be dropped from calculation of the course grade. Excessive grammatical or spelling errors may result in the loss of points. Double-space all assignments. Please practice double-sided printing, to save paper. Only paper copies of assignments are accepted, except for students who are video-conferencing. Students are invited to meet with me for an in-depth writing tutorial on their assignments or to discuss any topic related to the course.

Twenty-five percent of the course grade will be based on in-class assignments throughout the term. Many opportunities to earn points will be provided, so there will be no make-ups for these. For in-class assignments ONLY, calculate your mark as a percentage of total marks obtainable. (See the scale above.) The instructor will store students' assignments until the second week of the following academic term, when they will be discarded.

## STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Admission Guide at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/downloads/documents/Student%20Misconduct%20Plagiarism%20and%20Cheating.pdf>.

Other policies worth studying are

[http://www.gprc.ab.ca/downloads/documents/Course\\_Outline.pdf](http://www.gprc.ab.ca/downloads/documents/Course_Outline.pdf)

[http://www.gprc.ab.ca/downloads/documents/Grading\\_Policy.pdf](http://www.gprc.ab.ca/downloads/documents/Grading_Policy.pdf)

<http://www.gprc.ab.ca/downloads/documents/StudentRightsandResponsibilities.pdf>

All Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.

<https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/>

## **COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:**

### **Week 1 Introduction to anthropology**

#### Anthropology

Anthropology: the study of humanity.

#### Applying anthropology

Aaron Podolefsky , Peter Brown and Scott Lacy, Introduction: understanding humans and human problems.

Dick Gould, Identifying victims after a disaster.

Timothy W. Jones, "Clean your plate. . ."

Paul Farmer, Culture, poverty, and HIV transmission: the case of rural Haiti

### **Week 2 Culture**

#### Anthropology

Culture and diversity (pp. 40-59)

#### Applying anthropology

Aaron Podolefsky, Peter Brown and Scott Lacy, Introduction to Part IV: Cultural anthropology

Horace Miner, Body ritual among the Nacirema

Bruce Bower, Slumber's unexplored landscape

(September 25, 1999). *Science News*. Retrieved August 21, 2013 from

[http://www.sciencenews.org/sn\\_arc99/9\\_25\\_99/bob2.htm](http://www.sciencenews.org/sn_arc99/9_25_99/bob2.htm)

Claire E. Sterk, Tricking and tripping: fieldwork on prostitution in the era of AIDS (Related)

### **Week 3 Communication and language**

#### Anthropology

Communication

#### Applying anthropology

Aaron Podolefsky, Peter Brown and Scott Lacy, Introduction to Part III: Linguistic anthropology

Laura Bohannon, Shakespeare in the bush

Keith Basso, To give up on words...

Margalit Fox, Village of the deaf

Lera Boroditsky, Lost in translation

Deborah Tannen, Talk in the intimate relationship: his and hers

Related:

Morris, Desmond (1994). *The human animal: the language of the body*.

[http://video.google.ca/videoplay?docid=-](http://video.google.ca/videoplay?docid=-3323021761394989726&ei=zoxgS8TGKpPaqwLL1eTFCA&q=body+language+desmond&hl=en#)

[3323021761394989726&ei=zoxgS8TGKpPaqwLL1eTFCA&q=body+language+desmond&hl=en#](http://video.google.ca/videoplay?docid=-3323021761394989726&ei=zoxgS8TGKpPaqwLL1eTFCA&q=body+language+desmond&hl=en#)

Great video!

### **Weeks 4-5 Economic systems**

#### Anthropology

Economic systems.

#### Applying anthropology

Jared Diamond, The worst mistake in the history of the human race

(May 1, 1999). *Discover*. Retrieved August 21, 2013 from <http://discovermagazine.com/1987/may/02-the-worst-mistake-in-the-history-of-the-human-race#.UhUDLJJeZNo>

Richard Borshay Lee, Eating Christmas in the Kalahari

Bridget Anderson, Just another job? The commodification of domestic labor

John H. Bodley, The price of progress

Bourgois, Philippe (August 1989) Crack in Spanish Harlem. *Anthropology today* (5:4). Follow link from <http://philippebourgois.net/>

Alan H. Goodman and George J. Armelagos, Disease and death at Dr. Dickson's Mounds (Related)

## **Weeks 5-6 Political structure**

### Anthropology

Political and legal systems

### Applying anthropology

James L. Gibbs, Jr. The Kpelle moot

Aaron Podolefsky, Contemporary warfare in the New Guinea Highlands

## **Week 7 Marriage, the household and kinship**

Mosuo women – China

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eoTrARDa8BU>

### Anthropology

Kinship and domestic life

### Applying anthropology

Melvyn C. Goldstein, When brothers share a wife

Sarah Blaffer Hrdy, Mothers and others

Meredith F. Small, How many fathers are best for a child?

## **Week 8 Gender, sexuality and reproduction; life cycle**

### Anthropology

Reproduction and human development

### Applying anthropology

Meredith F. Small, Our babies, ourselves

John van Willigen and V.C. Channa, Law, custom, and crimes against women

Corinne A. Kratz, Circumcision, pluralism, and dilemmas of cultural relativism

Lila Abu-Lughod, Do Muslim women really need saving? Anthropological reflections on cultural relativism and its Others

Will Roscoe, "Strange country this". . .

## **Week 9 Physical anthropology: genetics and human variation**

Peggy McIntosh, White privilege

<http://www.amptoons.com/blog/files/mcintosh.html>

### Anthropology

Science, biology, and evolution

Contemporary human biological diversity

Miller supplementary social stratification (Moodle)

### Applying anthropology

Aaron Podolefsky Peter Brown and Scott Lacy, Part I: Biological Anthropology

Barry Bogin, The tall and the short of it

Jared Diamond, Race without color  
(November 1994). *Discover*. Retrieved August 21, 2013 from  
<http://discovermagazine.com/1994/nov/racewithoutcolor444#.UhT5oJJJeZNo>

Peter J. Brown, Culture and the evolution of obesity  
Cheryl Mattingly, Pocahontas goes to the clinic  
Gravlee, Clarence C., How race becomes biology (Related)

## **Week 10 Primatology and human nature**

### Anthropology

The nonhuman primates

### Applying anthropology

Barbara Smuts, What are friends for?

Small, Meredith (June 1992). What's love got to do with it? *Discover*. Retrieved August 21, 2013 from <http://discovermagazine.com/1992/jun/13-whatslovegottodo56#.UhT-0ZJeZNo>

## **Week 11 Human evolution**

### Anthropology

**Miller supplementary:** Archaic hominins (Moodle)

Emergence and evolution of archaic Homo

**Miller supplementary:** Modern humans during the Upper Paleolithic (Moodle)

### Applying anthropology

Carl Zimmer, Great mysteries of human evolution.

Robert Root-Bernstein and Donald L. McEachron, Teaching theories: the evolution-creation controversy

Benjamin Z. Freed, Re-reading Root-Bernstein and McEachron in Cobb County, Georgia: the controversies continue between anthropology and "intelligent design"

Elizabeth D. Whitaker, Ancient bodies, modern customs, and our health

S. Boyd Eaton and Melvin Konner, Ancient genes and modern health

Barbara King, Apes, hominids, and the roots of religion

## **Week 12 Archaeology**

### Anthropology

The neolithic and urban revolutions

### Applying anthropology

Aaron Podolefsky, Peter Brown and Scott Lacy, Part II: Archaeology (Introduction)

Baird Straughan, The secrets of ancient Tiwanaku

Karen Wright. Uncovering America's pyramid builders.

Payson D. Sheets, Dawn of a new Stone Age in eye surgery

Andrew Crosby, Archaeology and *vanua* development in Fiji

Michael Kernan, Around the Mall and beyond

Robson Bonnichsen and Alan L. Schneider, Battle of the bones

Kennewick Man. (2013, August 13). In *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*.

Retrieved 23:07, August 23, 2013, from

[http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Kennewick\\_Man&oldid=5683663](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Kennewick_Man&oldid=5683663)

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**Week 13    Ritual and ideology**

Applying anthropology

Robert J. Morais, Conflict and confluence in advertising meetings

Mark Auslander, How families work