

Introduction to Anthropology

Anthropology 2201
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This course introduces students to anthropology's four major subfields: biological anthropology, archaeology, cultural anthropology, and linguistics.

Course Objectives

Anthropology 2201 is an introductory course with the objectives of communicating to students the following:

- A conception of anthropology as a scholarly discipline;
- An awareness of the continuity of humans and culture in the context of a long-term evolutionary perspective;
- An appreciation of culture as a holistic and integrated system;
- A sense of the wide range of variability in human culture;
- A respect for other ways of life;
- A perspective on one's own culture and position.

Required Texts

Human Evolution and Culture (6th Edition) by Ember, Ember, and Peregrine

Evaluation and Grading

There will be 4 examinations. Each examination will cover roughly one-fourth of the course.

GRADING:

First exam:	25 points
Second exam:	25 points
Third exam:	25 points
Fourth exam:	25 points

Total 100 points for the final grade

Make-up Exams:

All make-up exams are given on the day of the last test (Dec. 3). **NO EXCEPTIONS!** All make-up exams are written discussion-type questions.

Attendance Policy

A good attendance record, especially if combined with class participation, can work to a student's advantage. Although I will not keep a formal record of your attendance, it is important to realize that missing class will put you at a great disadvantage. Examination material is taken from class discussion and lecture as well as reading material. Since this course builds on itself, missing classes will hinder your understanding of future material.

Make friends with other students so that if you must miss class you can get notes from classmates. **It is my firm policy not to give students my own notes or overheads.**

Class Participation and Preparation

The expectation is that everyone will come to class prepared, that means you should read the assigned materials BEFORE class and be prepared to discuss topics related to the assigned material.

The outcome of this course depends highly on your cooperation. Unless you come to class prepared and ready for active participation, we will not be able to have quality discussions.

Cultural anthropology lends itself to interesting classroom discussion. I encourage you to express your views and experiences as they relate to the subject matter. Please keep in mind that it is not quantity but quality that matters in class discussions. **Please respect your fellow students by giving them an opportunity to enter into the discussion. It is important that opinions (positive or negative) on the reading and lecture material be offered and discussed in a scholarly manner.**

Academic Probity

Violations of academic probity will meet with a response in conformity with official school policy. Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs.

All head attire must be removed during testing and seat spacing will be required.

Other Stuff

While I understand that travel logistics can be troublesome at times, please make an effort to arrive on time for class. Constant tardiness is disruptive and shows a lack of respect for your instructor and fellow students.

I also request that cell phones be turned off during the class period. The ringing of cell phones in a classroom environment is not only disruptive for me and your fellow students, but extremely rude!

If you know you must leave the class early, please inform me and arrange to sit in an area that gives you easy access to the door.

Tape recorders are prohibited in class.

Course Schedule:

Aug. 18-20 Chapter 1 Introduction to the Anthropological Perspective	Oct. 13 2nd Test
Aug. 25-27 Chapter 2 Introduction to Archaeology	Oct. 15-20 Chapter 10 Language and Communication
Sept. 3-8 Chapters 3 and 5 Evolution and Primates Film	Oct. 22 Cognition and Socialization
Sept. 10-15 Chapters 6 and 7 Hominids and Sapiens	Oct. 27-29 Chapter 14 Kinship Systems Film
Sept. 17 1st Test	Nov. 3 3rd Test
Sept. 22-24 Chapters 8, 11, and 13 Development of Agriculture and Other Subsistence Strategies/Evolution of Complex Societies	Nov. 5-10 Chapters 12 and 13 Gender and Stratification Systems
Sept. 29-Oct. 1 Chapter 9 Culture and Ethnographic Fieldwork	Nov. 12-17 Chapter 16 Religion and Magic
Oct. 6-8 Chapter 4 Cultural Diversity	Nov. 19-Dec 1 Chapters 17, 18, 19 Culture Change and Globalization
	Dec. 3 4th Test

This course syllabus provides a general plan for the course; deviations may be necessary. Any changes will be announced in class. It is the student's responsibility to make a note of any such change.