ANTHROPOLOGY 101

Introduction to Anthropology

(Class # 4236 ANTH_OX 101 09A)

MWF 9:35 am – 10:25 pm
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Introduction to Anthropology: a science of humanity

ANTHROPOLOGY IS THE HOLISTIC STUDY OF HUMANITY:

• seen from a biological perspective
• considered in social context

ANTHROPOLOGY INQUIRES INTO SOME FAIRLY BIG QUESTIONS:

• what is our place in nature?
• why are we such complex social animals?
• why does everything we do take on such meaning?
REQUIRED READINGS


- *Available at the Oxford College Bookstore*


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Additional REQUIRED Readings will be posted on Anthro 101’s Blackboard page.

MAKING THE GRADE

Grades are based on short paper assignments, an in-class Midterm Exam, a Take-Home Essay Exam, an in-class Final Exam, and attendance/participation. The exams and term paper will cover material introduced in class, in powerpoint presentations, in films, and in the readings. For more details about how your course grade is figured, please go to the course website on Blackboard (log in to http://classes.emory.edu and click on the Introduction to Anthropology link in your courses).

IMPORTANT: The exams and essay are MANDATORY. A failure to complete any one of these will result in a failing grade for the course.

JUST AS IMPORTANT: Unless you have a valid excuse that you present to me beforehand, all exam and due dates must be strictly adhered to. RARE EXCEPTIONS are granted under the following clear conditions: you have a valid, documented medical or family emergency. If you require special arrangements through Disability Services, or if you otherwise know ahead of time that you have a major schedule conflict, contact the professor as soon as possible to schedule an alternative exam. Be prepared to provide documentation.
KEY DATES TO REMEMBER:

1\textsuperscript{st} Short Paper - In class, Wed September 9
2\textsuperscript{nd} Short Paper - In class, Wed September 23
MIDTERM EXAM - In class, Fri October 9
3\textsuperscript{rd} Short Paper - In class, Mon October 19
4\textsuperscript{th} Short Paper - In class, Wed November 4
Take-Home Essay Exam Due - LANG 102, 4 pm, Mon November 23
Final Exam - 9 am - 12 pm, Tue December 15

ALL IN-CLASS EXAMS TAKE PLACE IN LANG 201

THIS SYLLABUS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE PROFESSOR’S DISCRETION; ANY CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN CLASS.

Anthropology 101
Syllabus

Week 1 Introduction

Wed August 26 - Invitation to Anthropology

Fri August 28 - The Biocultural Perspective
    Text: Lavenda & Schultz - Chapter 1
Week 2  Culture and Humanity

Mon August 31 - **What is Culture?**  
Text: Lavenda & Schultz - Chapter 4  
**E-COURSEPACK:** 1-Derby - The Evil Eye  
2-Pyburn - Worthless Women

Wed September 2 - Female Genital Mutilation  
**E-COURSEPACK:** 3-Schweder - What About FGM?

Fri September 4 - FGM/C as Cultural Practice  
**E-COURSEPACK:** 4-Silverman - Male and Female Circumcision in Anthropology  
5-Saitoti - Circumcision among the Maasai

Week 3  Cultural Relativism

Mon September 7 - **NO CLASS - Labor Day Holiday**

Wed September 9 - FGM/C, Culture, & Individual Rights  
**DUE:** 1st short paper  
**E-COURSEPACK:** 6-Tierney - A New Debate About Female Circumcision, Parts I & II  
7-Liptak - FGM and Asylum Law in the US

Fri September 11 - Cultural vs. Moral Relativism  
Text: Lavenda & Schultz - Chapter 2  
**E-COURSEPACK:** 8-Law - Liberal with a Capital L  
9-Law - Different Kinds of Authority  
10-Rosaldo - Cultural and Ethical Relativism
Week 4  The Biocultural Species

Mon September 14 – *Language, Social Life, and Relevance*
   Text: Lavenda & Schultz – Chapter 3
   **E-COURSEPACK**: 11–Bohannon – Shakespeare in the Bush

Wed September 16 – *Culture and Language Acquisition*
   **E-COURSEPACK**: 12–Ochs & Schieffelin – Language Acquisition

Fri September 18 – Biology and Culture – Affect Hunger
   **E-COURSEPACK**: 13–Goldschmidt – Chapter 4

Week 5  The Cultural Response to Affect Hunger

Mon September 21 – *Culture and Parenting*
   **E-COURSEPACK**: 14–Goldschmidt – Chapter 5

Wed September 23 – **Discussion** – What is Culture?
   **DUE**: 2nd short paper

Fri September 25 – *The Biological Legacy*
   **E-COURSEPACK**: 15–Mayr – Darwin’s Legacy
   16–Langdon – Evolution and Adaptation
**Week 6  Language and Culture**

Mon September 28 – Our Place in Nature  
**E-COURSEPACK:** 17-Relethford - Our Place in Nature

Wed September 30 – Meet Our Evolutionary Cousins  
**E-COURSEPACK:** 18-Small - What’s Love Got To Do With It?  
19-Small - Aping Culture

Fri October 2  
**E-COURSEPACK:** 20-Rosenberg and Trevathan - Birth and Bipedalism

**Week 7  MIDTERM EXAM**

Mon October 5 – Neandertals and Us  
**E-COURSEPACK:** 21-Wong - Meet the Neandertals

Wed October 7 – **DISCUSSION: BIOLOGY AND RACE**  
On the Web: [http://www.understandingrace.org](http://www.understandingrace.org)  
**E-COURSEPACK:** 22-Kahn - Race and BiDil

Fri October 9  
**MIDTERM EXAM – IN CLASS**

**Week 8  Archaeology and Human History before Writing**

Mon October 12  
**NO CLASS** - Mid-Semester Break

Wed October 14  
**Technology: Handy and Meaningful**  
**E-COURSEPACK:** 23-Schick & Toth – Chapter 5

Fri October 16  
**Stone Age Technology and Art**
E-COURSEPACK: 24-Wong - The Caveman's New Clothes
Week 9  Myth, Ritual, and Society

Mon October 19 - The Origins of Agriculture
E-COURSEPACK:  25-Hodder - Men and Women at Catalhuyuk
26-Molleson - The Bones of Abu Hureyra
DUE: 3rd Short Paper

Wed October 21 - Myth & Ritual - Symbols & Society
Text:  Lavenda & Schultz - Chapter 5
E-COURSEPACK:  27-Introducing Lévi-Strauss

Fri October 23 - Myth in Action
E-COURSEPACK:  28-Biesebe - Women Like Meat
29-Beidelman - Hyena and Rabbit

Week 10  Myth, Ritual, and the Organization of Society

Mon October 26 - Symbols in Myth and Ritual
E-COURSEPACK:  30-Leach - Sections 2, 3, & 13

Wed October 28 - Symbols, Society, and Politics
Text:  Lavenda & Schultz - Chapters 6-7

Fri October 30 - Travel to the Gebusi
Ethnography:  Knauft - The Gebusi - Introduction and Chapter 1
Week 11  Life as Gebusi

Mon November 2 – Life in the Rainforest
  Ethnography:  Knauf – The Gebusi – Chapter 1
  Text:  Lavenda & Schultz – Chapter 8

Wed November 4 – Low-Tech Economics
  E-COURSEPACK:  31-Lee – Eating Christmas in the Kalahari
  DUE: 4th Short Paper

Fri November 6 – Surrounded by Death
  Ethnography:  Knauf – The Gebusi – Chapter 3

Week 12  Gebusi Culture and the Dynamics of Social Life

Mon November 9 – Kinship and Community Justice
  Ethnography:  Knauf – The Gebusi – Chapter 4
  Text:  Lavenda & Schultz – Chapters 9 & 10

Wed November 11 – Gebusi Gender, Kinship, and Power
  Ethnography:  Knauf – The Gebusi – Chapter 5

Fri November 13 – Coming of Age among the Gebusi
  Ethnography:  Knauf – The Gebusi – Chapter 6
Week 13  Ritualization, Rites of Passage, and Identity

Mon November 16 – The Structure of Ritual
E-COURSEPACK: 32-Leach – Section 17
33-Crocker – Canela Helping Hands

Wed November 18 – Marriage as a Rite of Passage
E-COURSEPACK: 34-Howard & Rensel – Marriage on Rotuma

Fri November 20 – Rites of Passage and Other Identities
E-COURSEPACK: 35-Nanda – Hijras of India – Chapter 2
36-Nanda – Hijras of India – Chapter 3

Week 14  Ritualization, Rites of Passage, and Identity

Mon November 23 – DISCUSSION – Understanding Culture through Rites of Passage
DUE: TAKE-HOME ESSAY EXAM (due in Dr. Stutz’s office by 4 pm)

NO CLASSES REST OF THE WEEK – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Week 15  Culture in a Globalizing World

Mon November 30  - Return to the Gebusi
Ethnography:  Knauft – The Gebusi: Chapters 7 & 8

Wed December 2  - Change and Tension
Ethnography:  Knauft – The Gebusi: Chapters 9 & 10
Text:  Lavenda & Schultz – Chapter 11

Fri December 4  - Globalization at the Edge of the World
Ethnography:  Knauft – The Gebusi: Chapters 11, 12, & Conclusion
E-COURSEPACK:  37-Trouillot – Anthropology and the Savage Slot

Weeks 16 - 17  HOME STRETCH – Review and Final Exam

Mon December 7  - REVIEW AND EVALUATION
LAST DAY OF CLASSES

Tue December 15  - FINAL EXAM: 9 am - 12 pm, LANG201