

Introduction to Anthropology Fall 2014

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Introduction:

Everyday there are changes in the world that have a direct impact on our lives. Whether it is ethnic wars, race conflicts, or growing globalization, a deeper understanding of humanity has become a necessity for individual success if not our very survival. The study of anthropology is an invaluable tool for developing that understanding. This course is designed to introduce you to the four subfields of anthropology (physical anthropology, archaeology, linguistics, and cultural anthropology) as well as a brief look at an emerging fifth field called applied anthropology. Through this holistic investigation of the human experience you should come away with an increased appreciation for the complexity of our cultural and physical existence.

Conduct:

Some simple rules to live by (if you want a good grade):

1. Arrive on time and stay for the entire class.
2. No more than 2 absences (after that it affects your grade).
3. No late assignments (See policy below).
4. Be respectful of your classmates and the professor.
5. Use the writing center.
6. Participate in class.
7. Read and abide the college's academic honesty policy.
8. Check Blackboard often.
9. Do not wait until the last minute to read the assignments.
10. Study!
11. Ask for help!

Academic Dishonesty:

Any form of cheating, including plagiarism, will result in the immediate failure of the assignment and an official report to academic officials. Please see me if you are unsure what constitutes plagiarism.

Late Assignments:

The simple thing is to just get your work in on time. However, for those who are unable to do this read on...

Any assignment turned in late will be graded on a pass/fail basis (a "pass" in this case will be graded as a "D" even if it is "A" level work). Late assignments will be assessed and returned at the Professor's convenience, no later than the last day of the semester.

Make-up exams will only be given at the discretion of the professor.

College Withdrawal Policy:

A student who finds it necessary to discontinue a course MUST complete a withdrawal form obtained from the Registrar's Office. Students may withdraw from class anytime during the first 13 weeks of the semester without obtaining permission of the instructor. Students who fail to properly withdraw, and discontinue coming to class, will be assigned an "F" grade. Eligibility for refund of tuition is based upon date of withdrawal through the registrar's office. Verbal withdrawals will not be accepted.

Learning or Physical Disabilities:

If you have a disability that may require classroom or test-taking modifications, please see me as soon as possible.

Class Communication:

All communication regarding this course, including weekly assignments, will be done via Blackboard. If you are not familiar with this system you should contact the IT Help Desk to arrange for assistance.

Required Texts:

Linguistics: A Very Short Introduction

Archaeology: A Very Short Introduction

Human Evolution: A Very Short Introduction

Social and Cultural Anthropology: A Very Short Introduction

Anthropology: Quick Study Guide

Assignments:

4 Lab Exercises-	100 pts each	400 pts
4 Vocab Tests-	50 pts each	200 pts
1 Mid-Term-	200 pts	200 pts
1 Poster Project-	100 pts	100 pts
Final Essay-	200 pts	200 pts

Total Points: 1100