

# COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: ANTH-104: Introduction to Anthropology

CLASS SECTION: 04

TERM: F2022

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): On campus

Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here.

Learn more about Camosun's [Territorial Acknowledgement](#).

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For COVID-19 information please visit <https://legacy.camosun.ca/covid19/index.html>

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## INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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OFFICE: Y207

HOURS: M 9.30-10.30, Tu 1.30-2.30, Th 4.00-5.00

*As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.*

## CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

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The course introduces the four major sub-fields of anthropology: archaeology, physical and cultural anthropology, and linguistics. It surveys human evolution, archaeological evidence for cultural reconstruction, societies at different levels of socio-cultural complexity, and language in cultural context.

### PREREQUISITE(S):

One of: C+ in English 12; C in Camosun Alternative

### CO-REQUISITE(S):

Not Applicable

### EXCLUSION(S):

Not Applicable

## COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

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Upon completion of this course a student will be able to:

1. Describe the four fields of anthropology in relation to what they offer to our understanding of contemporary human issues.
2. Outline the anthropological perspective, including holism, cultural relativism, comparativism and evolution.
3. Discuss the trends in human evolution in order to understand the modern human species.
4. Explain the importance of archaeological investigation to modern society.
5. Describe the basic structure of language as it relates to society and culture.
6. Define culture, including its characteristics and structures, in order to understand its centrality to anthropology.
7. Examine and analyze specific examples such as family structure, religion, social organization, and culture change in relation to anthropologic discourse
8. Address ethnocentrism as a barrier to understanding other cultures.

## REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

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González, L. T., & Muckle, R. J. (2019). *Through the lens of cultural anthropology*.

## COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

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The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY OR TOPIC		READINGS	OUT OF CLASS ASSESSMENT
	TUES CLASS	THURS CLASS		
Week 1 Sept 4, 8	Introduction to the course	Introduction to Anthropology	Ch 1	Week 1 Quiz
Week 2 Sept 13, 15	What is Culture?	How we do Anthropology	Ch 8	Week 2 Quiz Anth in My Life post 1
Week 3 Sept 20, 22	Marriage and Family 1	Marriage and Family 2	Ch 11	Week 3 Quiz
Week 4 Sept 27, 29	<b>Marriage and Family Article Share Study Guide Collaboration 1</b>	Sex and Gender	Ch 11	Week 4 Quiz Anth in My Life post 2
Week 5 Oct 4, 6	<b>Exam 1</b>	Subsistence and Economics 1	Ch 10 Ch 12	

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY OR TOPIC		READINGS	OUT OF CLASS ASSESSMENT
	TUES CLASS	THURS CLASS		
Week 6 Oct 11, 13	Subsistence and Economics 2 <b>Cultural Anthropology Activity Preparation</b>	<b>Cultural Anthropology Activity</b>	Ch 10 Ch 12	Week 6 Quiz
Week 7 Oct 18, 20	Linguistic Anthropology 1	Linguistic Anthropology 2 <b>Linguistic Anthropology Activity</b>	Ch 9	Week 7 Quiz Anth in My Life post 3
Week 8 Oct 25, 27	<b>Linguistic Anthropology Article Share Study Guide Collaboration 2</b>	<b>Exam 2</b>		
Week 9 Nov 1, 3	Introduction to Archaeology	<b>Archaeology Activity</b>	Ch 5 Ch 6	Week 9 Quiz
Week 10 Nov 8, 10	Transition to Domestication	Peopling the Americas	Ch 6 Ch 7	Week 10 Quiz Anth in My Life post 4
Week 11 Nov 15, 17	<b>Archaeology Article Share Study Guide Collaboration 3</b>	Primates	Ch 2	Week 11 Quiz
Week 12 Nov 22, 24	Human Ancestors	<b>Human Ancestors Activity</b>	Ch 4 Ch 5	Week 12 Quiz Research Paper Due
Week 13 Nov 29, Dec 1	<b>Human Ancestors Activity</b>	Modern Biological Diversity	Ch 4 Ch 8	Week 13 Quiz Anth in My Life post 5
Week 14 Dec 6, 8	<b>Biological Anthropology Article Share Study Guide Collaboration 4</b>	Anthropology and Sustainability	Ch 14	Week 14 Quiz
Final Exam Period	<b>Exam 3</b>			

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced noticed is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

## EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION		WEIGHTING
Weekly Quizzes	D2L based MCQ quizzes. 12 quizzes in total and the lowest grade is dropped	15%
In Class Activities	4 in class activities, 2% each	8%
Article Shares	4 in class article-based discussions, 2% each	8%
Study Guide Collaborations	4 in class study guide collaboration projects, 1% each	4%

DESCRIPTION		WEIGHTING
Anthropology in my life	5 discussion board photo journal posts, 1% each. Optional assignment with weight transferred to Exams if skipped	5%
Research Paper	A short paper based on original research	10%
Exam 1	In class written exam	15%
Exam 2	In class written exam	15%
Exam 3	In exam period written exam	20%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100%</b>

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information.  
<http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf>

Weekly quizzes are D2L based online MCQ quizzes covering course content for the week. In class activities consist of hands on applied learning opportunities run during class time. Some require homework preparation. In class article shares consist of sharing reflections on articles relevant to course content. Study Guide Collaborations require students to work collectively on preparing exam study guides. The Anthropology in MY life assignment consists of posting linkages between relevant anthropological content and individual lives. There is also a short paper assignment based on your original research. There are three exams in the course which will consist of long answer questions.

## COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

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**Contact:** I can be contacted via D2L, email or in person. Please include course name and section in your emails. I will contact students via course notifications in D2L, D2L messages or email. Please ensure you have set up notifications and/or mail forwarding in D2L to ensure you receive messages in a timely manner.

**Attendance:** It is your responsibility to catch up any missed lecture content by connecting with classmates and doing additional readings. I am always willing to address specific questions and issues you face but will not reteach entire classes.

**In-class activities and exams:** Unexcused failure to attend an in-class graded item will result in a grade of 0 for that item. Excused absences must be requested and may not be granted. Missed items must be made up with the same or equivalent within a negotiated time frame unless agreed otherwise.

**Late submissions:** Unexcused late submissions will receive a deduction of 5% a day and will not receive any feedback. Assignments more than 1 week late will not be accepted. Extensions must be requested before the due date and may not be granted.

## SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

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School of Arts and Science Student Information: <https://legacy.camosun.ca/learn/school/arts-science/archives/index.html>

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

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Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

## SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

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Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Academic Advising	<a href="http://camosun.ca/advising">http://camosun.ca/advising</a>
Accessible Learning	<a href="http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning">http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning</a>
Counselling	<a href="http://camosun.ca/counselling">http://camosun.ca/counselling</a>
Career Services	<a href="http://camosun.ca/coop">http://camosun.ca/coop</a>
Financial Aid and Awards	<a href="http://camosun.ca/financialaid">http://camosun.ca/financialaid</a>
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	<a href="http://camosun.ca/help-centres">http://camosun.ca/help-centres</a>
Indigenous Student Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/indigenous">http://camosun.ca/indigenous</a>
International Student Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/international/">http://camosun.ca/international/</a>
Learning Skills	<a href="http://camosun.ca/learningskills">http://camosun.ca/learningskills</a>
Library	<a href="http://camosun.ca/services/library/">http://camosun.ca/services/library/</a>
Office of Student Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/oss">http://camosun.ca/oss</a>
Ombudsperson	<a href="http://camosun.ca/ombuds">http://camosun.ca/ombuds</a>
Registration	<a href="http://camosun.ca/registration">http://camosun.ca/registration</a>
Technology Support	<a href="http://camosun.ca/its">http://camosun.ca/its</a>
Writing Centre	<a href="http://camosun.ca/writing-centre">http://camosun.ca/writing-centre</a>

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

### Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

### Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

### Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

### Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

### Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

### Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

### Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

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### Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit

<http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

### Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and [camosun.ca/sexual-violence](http://camosun.ca/sexual-violence). To contact the Office of Student Support: [oss@camosun.ca](mailto:oss@camosun.ca) or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

### Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

**Changes to this syllabus:** Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.