



Anth 104 Introduction to Anthropology

Section 06

Fall 2002

Wednesdays: 6:00 to 8:50 p.m.

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About the course:

This course provides a general introduction to Anthropology, loosely defined as the study of humans past and present. It will explore the four field approach to Anthropology (Archaeology, Physical Anthropology, Social and Cultural Anthropology, Linguistic Anthropology), and will highlight the general value of Anthropological concepts.

Required Readings for the course are drawn from:

Park, Michael Alan

2000 *Introducing Anthropology: An Integrated Approach.*
California: Mayfield Publishing Company.

A selection of readings is on reserve in the Library.

Course requirements:

Lectures and readings: The lectures will serve to review and elaborate on the topics introduced in the textbook, and to introduce topics not covered in readings. For examination purposes, students are responsible for all material covered in the readings and lecture hours, including topics presented in videos, handouts and guest lectures.

Examinations and evaluations: Three examinations will be given in this course. The two mid-term exams will be weighted at 25% each, and the cumulative final will be weighted at 30%. The remaining 20% will be determined from two assignments, the first worth 5% (1 page article review), and the second worth 15% (5 page research paper). Late assignments will receive daily deductions. A deferred examination will only be given in the case of extreme illness, family emergency, or religious reasons, for which appropriate documentation must be provided.

Grading System:

The following percentage conversion to letter grade will be used:

A+ = 95 - 100%	B = 75 - 79%	D = 50 - 59%
A = 90 - 94%	B- = 70 - 74%	F = 0.0 - 49%
A- = 85 - 89%	C+ = 65 - 69%	I = See Calendar for Details
B+ = 80 - 85%	C = 60 - 64%	AUD = Audit

W = Official withdrawal has taken place.

COURSE OUTLINE

Week One: September 4

Topics: Introduction to the course. What is Anthropology? Introduction to Anthropology and the four field approach.

Readings: Park, Chapters 1 and 2

Week Two: September 11

Topics: Introduction to Physical Anthropology, Introduction to Archaeology

Readings: Park, Chapters 5 and Chapter 10
Johanson and Maitland, *Why did Lucy Walk Erect?*

Week Three: September 18

Topics: A closer look at Evolution. Race and Ethnicity

Readings: Park, Chapter 3
Gould, *Darwinism Defined: The Difference Between Fact and Theory*
Sussman, *The Nature of Human Universals*

Week Four: September 25 *Assignment 1 Due (5%)*

Topics: Primatology, the study of our closest living relatives

Readings: Park, Chapter 4

Week Five: October 2 *First Midterm Exam (25%)*

The exam will be held in the first half of the class.

Topics: The concept of worldview (during the second half of the class, no readings assigned)

Week Six: October 9

Topics: Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology, Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology

Readings: Park, Chapters 7 and 11
Thomson, *The Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis: Worlds Shaped by Words*

Week Seven: October 16

Topics: Kinship, Anthropological Perspectives on marriage and family

Readings: Park, Chapters 9 and 6

Pasternak, *Family and Households: Who Lives Where, Why does it Vary and Why is it Important?*

Week Eight: October 23

Topics: Anthropology of Religion

Readings: Park, Chapter 12

Gerrard, *The Serpent-Handling Religions of West Virginia*

Guericco, *The Secret of Haiti's Living Dead*

Week Nine: November 30

Topics: Anthropological perspectives on culture change. Colonialism, Globalization

Readings: Park, Chapter 15

Wright, *Rise of Civilizations: Mesopotamia to Mesoamerica*

Brody, *Openings*

Week Ten: November 6

Second Midterm Exam (25%)

The exam will be held in the first half of class.

Topics: Introduction to Anthropological Perspectives on Gender (during the second half of the class, no readings assigned)

Week Eleven: November 13

Topics: Culture, Biology and Environment

Readings: Park, Chapters 13 and 14

Diamond, *Domestication and the Evolution of Disease*

Martin, *The Egg and the Sperm: How Science has Constructed A Romance Based on Stereotypical Male-Female Roles*

Week Twelve: November 20

Assignment 2 Due (15%)

Topics: Economics, Subsistence

Readings: Park, Chapter 8

Katz and Maytag, *Brewing an Ancient Beer*

Week Thirteen: November 27

Topics: Contemporary Anthropology in Canada, Hunter-Gatherer Societies

Readings: Johnson, *In Search of the Affluent Society*

Week Fourteen: December 4

Topics: Review

Final Exam to be held during the scheduled exam period 30%

LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College Calendar, Registrar's Office or the College web site at <http://www.camosun.bc.ca>

ACADEMIC CONDUCT POLICY

There is an Academic Conduct Policy. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, Registration, and on the College web site in the Policy Section.

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