

***Anth 104 Introduction to Anthropology***  
Section (05)  
Winter 2003

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***Monday and Wednesday 4:00-5:20, Young 201***

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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.

***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 lectures, including topics presented in videos and handouts.

*Examinations and evaluations:* Three examinations will be given in this course. The two mid-term exams will be weighted at 25% each, and the final will be weighted at 30%. The remaining 20% will be determined from two assignments, each worth 10%. The first assignment, due on February 24, will be a research paper proposal, and the second assignment, due on March 31, will be a critical reading assignment. 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.

***Intended Learning Outcomes***

*Knowledge outcomes:*

- Discuss the trends in human evolution and the role of natural selection
- Understand the importance of archaeological investigation to modern society
- Recognize and explain to others that our culture constructs our realities so that social inequality, for example, is a human invention
- Identify key features of language

*Skills outcomes:*

- Debate issues of human biology, society and history using anthropological evidence
- Critically evaluate evidence used to explain the human past and present

*Attitude outcomes:*

- Address ethnocentrism as a barrier to understanding other cultures
- Acquire a tolerance of and respect for cultural diversity
- Gain an appreciation of the contributions of the anthropological approach to our understanding of human history

***Required Readings for the course will be drawn from:***

Park, Michael Alan

2000 *Introducing Anthropology: An Integrated Approach*. New York:  
McGraw-Hill.

A selection of readings on reserve at the library.

***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 - 84%

C = 60 - 64%

AUD = Audit

W = *Official withdrawal has taken place.*

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**Week One: January 6 and 8**

*Topics:* Introduction to the four fields of anthropology

*Readings:* Chapter 1

**Week Two: January 13 and 15**

*Topics:* Evolution

*Readings:* Chapter 2 and 3

**Week Three: January 20 and 22**

*Topics:* Introduction to Primatology

*Readings:* Chapter 4

**Week Four: January 27 and 29**

*Topics:* Human evolution

*Readings:* Chapter 5 and Chapter 10 (pages 229-242)

**Week Five: February 3 and 5 *First Midterm Exam (25%), February 3***

*Topics:* Introduction to the concept of culture and cultural anthropology

*Readings:* Chapter 7 and *Body Ritual Among the Nacirema* (Miner)

**Week Six: February 10 and 12**

*Topics:* Culture continued, Language and communication

*Readings:* Chapter 11 and *The Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis: Worlds Shaped by Words*  
(Thomson)

**Week Seven: February 17 and 19**

*Topics:* Gender, Kinship

*Readings:* Chapters 6 and 9

**Week Eight: February 24 and 26 *Assignment 1 Due (10%, February 24***

*Topics:* Economics and Subsistence

*Readings:* Chapter 8 and *In Search of the Affluent Society* (Johnson)

**Week Nine: March 3 and 5**

*Topics:* Introduction to the Anthropology of Religion

*Readings:* Chapter 12, and *The Serpent Handling Religions of West Virginia* (Gerrard), and *The Secret of Haiti's Living Dead* (Guerico)

**Week Ten: March 10 and 12    *Second Midterm Exam (25%), March 10***

*Topics:* Introduction to Archaeology

*Readings:* Chapter 10 (pages 213-229)

**Week Eleven: March 17 and 19**

*Topics:* Archaeology continued

*Readings:* *Disease and Death at Dr. Dickason's Mounds* (Goodman and Armelagos)

**Week Twelve: March 24 and 26**

*Topics:* Culture, Biology and Environment

*Readings:* Chapter 13 and *AIDS as Human Suffering* (Farmer and Kleinman)

**Week Thirteen: March 31 and April 2    *Assignment 2 Due (10%), March 31***

*Topics:* Human Variation, Race

*Readings:* Chapter 14

**Week Fourteen: April 7 and 9**

*Topics:* Anthropological Perspectives on Culture Change, Applied Anthropology

*Readings:* Chapter 15

Final Exam (30%) to be held during the Final Exam Period

**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.

[www.camosun.bc.ca/divisions/pres/policy/2-education/2-8](http://www.camosun.bc.ca/divisions/pres/policy/2-education/2-8)

**Reserve Readings**  
(in the order that they are assigned)

Miner, Horace

- 1956 Body Ritual Among the Nacirema. *American Anthropologist* 58:503-507.

Thomson, David S.

- 2000 The Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis: Worlds Shaped by Words. In *Conformity and Conflict*. James Spradley and David McCurdy (eds.). Pp. 79-91. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.

Johnson, Allen

- 1978 In Search of the Affluent Society. In *Anthropology: Contemporary Perspectives*. Phillip Whitten and David E.K. Hunter (eds.). Pp. 202-207. New York: HarperCollins College Publishers.

Gerrard, Nathan L.

- 1968 The Serpent-Handling Religions of West Virginia. *Society* 5(6):249-252.

Del Guericco, Gino

- 1986 The Secret of Haiti's Living Dead. *Harvard Magazine*. January/February: 31-37.

Goodman, Alan H. and George J. Armelagos

- 2001 Disease and Death at Dr. Dickson's Mounds. In *Applying Anthropology: An Introductory Reader*, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. Aaron Podolefsky and Peter J. Brown (eds.). Pp. 83-87. California: Mayfield Publishing Company.

Farmer, Paul and Arthur Kleinman

- 2001 AIDS as Human Suffering. In *Applying Anthropology: An Introductory Reader*, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. Aaron Podolefsky and Peter J. Brown (eds.). Pp.352-360. California: Mayfield Publishing Company.