

CAMOSUN COLLEGE

*School of Arts & Science
Social Sciences Department*

Anth 104 Introduction to Anthropology

Section (01)

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Intended Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge outcomes:

- Discuss the trends in human evolution and the role of natural selection
- Understand the relationship among culture, biology and environment in examining human health and disease
- 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
- Use the World Wide Web to investigate anthropological issues

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 and biological diversity
- Gain an appreciation of the contributions of the anthropological approach to our understanding of human history

Course Content:

This course is an introduction to the study of where humans come from, what they do and why. There are three main objectives: (1) to understand how humans evolved and what makes humans special to other species on this planet; (2) to understand the sameness and difference in human life past and present; and (3) to invite you to think critically about today's problems of modern living in a broader, more global perspective.

Generally speaking, we will cover in one or two class periods topics that fill entire semesters in upper-level courses. What we lose in detail and depth, we gain in enlarged perspective and sense of the inter-relatedness of issues. The rapid pace, however, makes it imperative that students not fall behind in the readings. Each chapter of the text is full of ideas, terminology, arguments, and supporting facts, and we usually have only one day per chapter. Thus, students will need to read assignments carefully BEFORE coming to lectures, as well as review the readings afterwards.

Textbook: Anthropology, 10th Edition, Wadsworth, William A. Haviland

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.

GRADING REQUIREMENTS

Your grade in the course will be determined by the percentage of points you earn on four non-cumulative hour exams. Exams are mostly multiple-choice format, with some points allocated to matching and short essay questions. Each exam is worth 25 points, thus, there are a total of 100 possible points in the course.

EXAM POLICY. You are responsible for taking all four exams during their scheduled times. Any exception must be approved by me **IN ADVANCE** of the exam. Please note that talking with a secretary, phoning and leaving a message, e-mailing, etc., is not sufficient – you must obtain my permission

beforehand to re-schedule an exam. Otherwise, failure to take an exam as scheduled will result in an automatic "F" in the course, irrespective of what grades you may have earned on other requirements.

ATTENDANCE POLICY. Attendance is required; there are no "free cuts." Also, you should arrive for class on time. Although I do not routinely take attendance, I think you will find that coming to class regularly is most helpful in understanding course materials and answer exam questions. If you are habitually absent I reserve the right to assign you with an 'F' for the course and will inform you of this in written form. Obviously this is the worst case scenario. You will find that you can always talk to me. Please come to my office or see me after class if you have any concerns.

Class schedule

Monday, May 3rd

1) What Is Anthropology?

Readings: 1. The Nature of Anthropology

FILM--"Anthropologists at Work: Careers Making a Difference"
(1993, 36 min.)

Wednesday, May, 5th

2) What Is Anthropology?

Readings: 2. Methods of Studying the Human Past

===== Physical Anthropology and Archaeology =====

Monday, May 10th

3) Evolution

Readings: 3. Biology and Evolution

FILM--"Among the Wild Chimpanzees" (1984, 59 min.)

Wednesday, May, 12th

4) Primate Evolution

Readings: 4. Monkeys, Apes, and Humans: The Modern Primates/5. Fossil Primates/6. The Earliest Hominines

Wednesday, May, 19th

5) Modern Humans

Readings: 9. Archaic Homo sapiens and the Middle Paleolithic

----- FIRST EXAM -----

Monday, May 24th

6) Modern Humans

Readings: 10. Homo sapiens and the Upper Paleolithic

FILM--"In Search of Our Ancestors, Part 3" (1994, 60 min.)

Discussion

Wednesday, May, 26th

7) Prehistory

Readings: 11. Cultivation and Domestication/ 12. The Rise of Cities and Civilization

FILM--"Iraq: Cradle of Civilization" (1991, 57 min.)

===== Sociocultural Anthropology =====

Monday, May 31st

8) Culture and Language

Readings: 14. The Nature of Culture/ 15. Language and Communication/

16. Growing Up Human

----- SECOND EXAM -----

Wednesday, June 2nd

9) Making a Living: Production & Reproduction

FILM--"A Man Called 'Bee': Studying the Yanomamo"
(1974, 40 min.)

Readings: 17. Patterns of Subsistence/ 19. Sex and Marriage

Monday, June 7th

10) Making a Living: Systems of Exchange

Readings: 18. Economic Systems

FILM--"Nanook of the North" (orig. 1922, 79 min.)

Wednesday, June 9th

11) Political Systems, Families, Kinship, and Descent

Readings: 23. Political Organization and the Maintenance of Order

20. Family and Household/ 21. Kinship and Descent

----- THIRD EXAM -----

Monday, June 14th

12) Religion

Readings: 24. Culture and the Supernatural

FILM--"Masai Women" (1974, 52 min.)

Wednesday, June 17th

13) A. The Modern World System

Readings: 26. Cultural Change/ 27. Anthropology and the Future

FILM--"First Contact" (1983, 54 min.)

REMINDER: The FOURTH EXAM will be held during the first 60 minutes of the "final exam" period assigned by the Registrar. The fourth exam is non-cumulative, i.e., it is an hour exam covering only those topics covered in lectures and the Haviland text from the last quarter of the course (since the third exam). However, the last exam will have one essay question in addition to Multiple Choice questions.