



School of Arts & Science
SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

ANTH 104-003
Introduction to Anthropology
Fall 2017

COURSE OUTLINE

Please note: the College electronically stores this outline for five (5) years only. It is **strongly recommended** you keep a copy of this outline with your academic records. You will need this outline for any future application/s for transfer credit/s to other colleges/universities.

The course description is online @ <http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/anth.html>

1. Instructor Information

- (a) Instructor: Katie Waterhouse
- (b) Office Hours: M 9.30-10.30, Tu 2.30-3.30, Th 10.00-11.00
- (c) Location: Y207
- (d) Email: waterhousek@camosun.bc.ca
- (3) Website D2L

2. Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course the 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.

3. Required Materials

Muckle and Tubelle Dr Gonzalez (2016) *Through the Lens of Anthropology*. University of Toronto Press.

4. Class Schedule

Week	Lecture Topic and Readings Tuesday	Lecture Topic and Readings Thursday	Due Dates
1- Sept 5 th & 7 th	Introduction to the course	What is Anthropology? Chapter 1	
2- Sept 12 th & 14 th	How do we do anthropology? PG 73-74, 91-96 PG 51-53	Where do humans fit in the animal kingdom? Chapter 2	Primate Sorting D2L quiz
3- Sept 19 th & 21 st	Where do humans fit in the animal kingdom? Chapter 2	How did modern humans evolve- evolution? Chapter 3	
4- Sept 26 th & 28 th	MidTerm 1	How did modern humans evolve- fossil ancestors? Chapter 4 and 5	
5- Oct 3 rd & 5 th	How did modern humans evolve- fossil ancestors? Chapter 4 and 5	How did modern humans evolve- modern biological diversity?	
6- Oct 10 th & 12 th	Archaeology basics- how do we find things?	How did people get to America? How did modern diet and social structure develop? Chapters 6 and 7	Dendrochronology D2L Quiz
7- Oct 17 th & 19 th	How did people get to America? How did modern diet and social structure develop? Chapters 6 and 7	MidTerm 2	
8- Oct 24 th & 26 th	Cultural anthropology basics -What is culture? Chapter 8	Observing culture assignment	Iceberg model of culture D2L quiz
9- Oct 31 st & Nov 2 nd	Observing culture assignment	How do modern humans vary culturally? – Diet and economics Chapter 10	Subsistence and economics D2L quiz
10- Nov 7 th & 9 th	How do modern humans vary culturally? – Marriage and kinship Chapter 11	How do modern humans vary culturally? – Marriage and kinship Chapter 11	Observing culture assignment
11- Nov 14 th & 16 th	Kinship and Marriage discussion	How do modern humans vary culturally and biologically? – Sex and Gender	Marriage and Kinship assignment
12- Nov 21 st & 23 rd	Anthropology and language Chapter 9	Anthropology and language Chapter 9	Article assignment
13- Nov 28 th & 30 th	Anthropology and language Chapter 9	Globalization and sustainability	
14- Dec 5 th & 7 th	Food and sustainability presentations	Food and sustainability presentations	

5. Basis of Student Assessment

Evaluation	Value	Due Date
Applying lecture concepts quizzes	10%	Throughout semester
MidTerm 1	10%	Sept 26 th
MidTerm 2	20%	Oct 17 th
Observing culture assignment	10%	Oct 26 th , 31 st , Nov 7 th
Marriage and kinship assignment	5%	Nov 14 th
Article Assignment	15%	Nov 21 st
Food and sustainability presentation	10%	Dec 5 th and 7 th
Final Exam	20%	TBA

(a) Applying lecture concepts quizzes (10%)

For this assignment you are required to complete 4 short quizzes on D2L where you will have to apply concepts learned in class.

More information will be given in class.

(b) Observing culture assignment (10%)

We will spend a period of class time watching film footage of childhood in different cultures. You will be expected to use content from the film to respond to a series of discussion questions. You will have an opportunity to share your thoughts with classmates.

More information is available on D2L.

(c) Kinship/Marriage discussion and write up (5%)

You will read and review an article on marriage and/or kinship before spending a portion of class time discussing the articles.

More information about this assignment is available on D2L.

(d) Article assignment (15%)

For this assignment you are expected to find a scholarly article on a topic within anthropology. You must then write a reference for this article as well as a summary of the article.

More information is available on D2L.

(e) Food and sustainability assignment (10%)

For this assignment you will be divided into groups of your choosing and each group will have to give a presentation on a topic of food and sustainability.

More information is available on D2L.

(f) Exams (50%)

There are two midterms exam (10%, 20%) and a final exam (20%) for this course. The midterm exams are written during class time and the final exam is written in the formal exam period. The exams may consist of multiple choice, definitions and short/long answer questions and are not cumulative.

Please note: students must be available during the College's formal exam period at the end of term. Do not leave town before confirming your exam dates.

6. Classroom Policies

(a) Contacting the Instructor

I can be contacted via email, D2L or in person during office hours. All emails should contain "ANTH 104" in the subject line.

(b) Attendance

You are expected to attend lectures as material covered in lecture will be included in the exams, and will augment and supplement the material in the readings. As well, announcements regarding course content and exams will be made in class. I will not provide my personal notes to students who miss class. Attendance in class for in class activities, exams and in class discussions is MANDATORY.

(c) Missing/Deferring an in class activity, class discussion or exam

Failure to attend an in class activity or class discussion will result in a mark of zero, unless I have been informed within 2 working days and an excused absence has been granted. In the case of illness, a medical note is required in order to write a make-up exam or quiz. If you fail to come for a make-up at the scheduled time, the exam will not be further rescheduled unless a medical certificate is presented to me. Unavailability of texts and pressure of other work does not constitute a reason for missing exams or quizzes. Rescheduling a quiz or assignment following an excused absence will be done at the mutual convenience of the student and instructor.

(d) Late Assignments

Unexcused late assignments will result in mark deductions of 10% per day and no feedback will be given. Failure to turn in an assignment will result in a mark of zero. Assignments more than 1 week late will not be accepted. If you are unable to hand-in an assignment on the appropriate day you must make alternate arrangements with me well in advance of the deadline. No assignments will be accepted after the last day of classes without clear documentation of extenuating circumstances and prior consent.

(e) Classroom Environment

While some students may be more comfortable using laptops to take notes, keep in mind that electronic devices are often disruptive to other students. Please mute your speakers and turn off your cell phone or smart phone. If you must use your telephone please step outside the classroom.

Please refrain from using instant messaging, online or video games, Facebook, or using other non-academic programs. Keep in mind that your laptop screen is visible to people sitting behind you, and by engaging in these activities you are not only distracting other students but endangering your own and your friends' privacy. If a student is found to be engaging in these activities during class and disrupting other students, their laptop or smart phone may be confiscated and returned at the end of class.

Discussion and questions in this class are welcome and encouraged, but all discussion participants will be expected to treat others with respect, even if different opinions arise about issues. Anyone acting in a way that is disrespectful to others will be asked to leave the class.

7. Grading System

Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+	Exceptional; exceeds highest expectations for the assignment or course	9
85-89	A	Outstanding; meets highest standards for the assignment or course	8
80-84	A-	Excellent; meets very high standards for the assignment or course	7
77-79	B+	Very good; meets high standards for the assignment or course	6
73-76	B	Good; meets most standards for the assignment or course	5
70-72	B-	Solid; shows some reasonable command of material	4
65-69	C+	Acceptable; meets basic standards for the assignment or course	3
60-64	C	Acceptable; meets some of the basic standards for the assignment or course	2
50-59	D	Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite.	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy E-1.5 at camosun.ca for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. <i>(For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3rd course attempt or at the point of course completion.)</i>
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

8. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

(a) 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, at Student Services or the College web site at camosun.ca

(b) Student conduct policy

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services and on the College web site in the Policy Section.