



CAMOSUN COLLEGE

School of Arts & Science
Department of Social Sciences

ANTH-104 001

Introduction to Anthropology

Spring 2019

COURSE OUTLINE

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

Ω Please note: This outline will not be kept indefinitely. It is recommended students keep this outline for their records, especially to assist in transfer credit to post-secondary institutions.

1. Instructor Information

(a) Instructor	Karoline Guelke, PhD
(b) Office Hours	Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, or by appointment
(c) Location	Young 207
(d) Email	quelkek@camosun.bc.ca

2. Intended Learning Outcomes

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.

3. Required Materials

(a) Text (available at the Camosun book store):

Muckle, Robert J. and Laura Tubelle de González. 2016. *Through the Lens of Anthropology: An Introduction to Human Evolution and Culture*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

(b) Three articles available on D2L:

Lee, Richard B. 1969. Eating Christmas in the Kalahari.

<http://people.morrisville.edu/~reymers/readings/ANTH101/EatingChristmas-Lee.pdf>
(last accessed March 2019)

Small, Meredith. 2003. How many fathers are best? *Discover Magazine*

<http://discovermagazine.com/2003/apr/featfather> (last accessed March 2019)

Gmelch, George. 2000. Baseball Magic.

http://meissinger.com/uploads/3/4/9/1/34919185/gmelch_baseball_magic.pdf
(last accessed March 2019)

4. Course Content and Schedule

Please note: This schedule is tentative; possible changes will be announced in class and on D2L.

Dates	Topics & Due dates	Readings
May 7	Introduction to Class Introducing Anthropology	Chapter 1
May 9	Studying Culture Fieldwork	Chapter 8 (p. 159 – 166, 168 – 173, 176 – 182)
May 14	Evolution Assignment 1: Food and Identity activity	Chapter 3
May 16	Primates Human Biological Evolution Biological Evolution in-class exercise	Chapter 2 (p. 25 – 27, 38 – 46) and chapter 4 (p. 67 – 79)
May 21	Human Biological and Cultural Evolution	Chapter 4 (p. 82 – 86) and chapter 5
May 23	Food and Economics Assignment 2: Discussion Unit 1	Chapter 10 (p. 211 – 232) and article by Lee
May 28	Gender Issues Exam Review	Chapter 11 (p. 256 – 264)
May 30	MIDTERM EXAM	
June 4	Marriage and Family Assignment 2: Discussion Unit 2	Chapter 11 (p. 241 – 256) and article by Small
June 6	Language and Culture	Chapter 9
June 11	Supernaturalism Assignment 2: Discussion Unit 3	Chapter 13 (p. 293 – 309) and article by Gmelch
June 13	Human Cultural Evolution	Chapters 6 (p. 113 – 130) and chapter 7 (p. 137 – 148)
June 18	Human Cultural Evolution continued Turkeyhead Site in-class exercise Race and Racism Assignment 3 due	Chapter 4 (p. 87 – 88) and chapter 8 (p. 166 – 168)
June 20	Anthropology and Sustainability Wrap-up and Exam Review	Chapter 14 (p. 317 – 327, 332 – 340)
Exam Period June 24-26*	FINAL EXAM	

* **IMPORTANT:** Do not make travel or work plans until the final exam schedule is posted; accommodations cannot be made for plane tickets or work schedules.

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(a) Exams (60%)

Midterm (30%): The midterm consists of a mix of multiple-choice, fill-in-the-blanks, and short answer questions. It is based on all materials covered up to that day, including lecture topics, readings, and films.

Final Exam (30%): The final is based on all materials covered after the midterm, including lecture topics, readings, and films. It will also include a number of general concepts covered earlier in the course. The format is similar to that of the midterm.

(b) Activities and Assignments (40%)

In-class Activities (2 x 2.5%)

We will have two hands-on activities in class (May 16 and June 18). You will be asked to work in pairs or small groups with the materials provided and fill out a question sheet together.

Assignment 1: Food and Identity (5%)

The first assignment involves a short written part (150 - 200 words) about a specific food that relates to your identity. On May 14, bring a small sample of your food to class. You will do a short presentation in groups of about five students and sample each others' food. A detailed assignment sheet is posted on D2L.

Assignment 2: Questions & Group Discussions (3 x 4%)

This assignment consists of taking part in three discussion units in class and preparing a short written piece for each (about 150 – 200 words). It is based on the three articles listed above on p. 2. A detailed assignment sheet is posted on D2L.

Assignment 3: Anthropology in the News (18%)

For this option, you will select one out of several current news articles listed in the assignment handout which will be accessible on D2L. The objective of the assignment is to relate the issues in the article to concepts covered in class and to provide a critical commentary. This assignment should be about three pages (750 words) in length. A detailed assignment sheet will be posted on D2L.

(c) Class Participation

Group and class discussions are an integral part of this course. Up to 2% of *bonus marks* will be given to students who contribute to these discussions regularly and with good comments.

6. Recommended Materials to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

Class Attendance and Reading

Students are expected to attend lectures regularly. Lectures do not just repeat material from the readings but expand and supplement it; therefore it is important that students do the readings ahead of time. The exams will cover material from both lectures and readings. Also, announcements about class material and scheduling may be made during class. I post my PPT slides on D2L after the lectures, but please note that these only provide a broad outline and do not show certain material covered in class. Coming to class regularly, taking notes and engaging with the material and your fellow class mates are essential for doing well in this class.

Classroom Conduct

Please come to class on time. If you have to be late, enter the classroom quietly and try not to disrupt the other students. Please refrain from speaking with your classmates during the lecture; it distracts your fellow students and the instructor. If something is unclear to you during the lecture, I invite you to ask; I'm happy to rephrase or clarify any points I have made.

The use of cell phones and laptops in class can be distracting to you and your fellow students. Studies have shown that students who use their devices for entertainment, texting or checking email, perform worse on assignments and exams. Therefore, please turn off your cell phone in class (unless it is essential that you can be reached) and use your laptop for note-taking only.

Exams and Assignment Deadlines

Both exams must be written to successfully complete this course. If an emergency or illness prevents you from writing an exam at the scheduled time, you have to inform the instructor *before* the start of the exam and present documentation such as a doctor's or counsellor's note.

Assignments are due *in class* on the days listed in the course schedule. Assignments 1 and two will only be accepted on the due date, since they have a class participation component. For unexcused late assignments (assignment 3) 5% of the grade will be deducted per school day, and assignments will *not* be accepted more than seven school days after the deadline. If you anticipate problems meeting a deadline, please come speak to me early and we can work out a reasonable accommodation. Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated; please consult the Academic Honesty information posted on D2L and available through the policy section of the college website (see below).

Communication with the Instructor

I encourage you to come see me during my regular office hours (listed on p. 1) to discuss any questions you may have about class material, assignments or exams. Please note that I am not on campus full-time this term, so if my office hours do not work for you, email me and we can set up an appointment at another time.

When emailing please include your name and course number; you can expect to hear back from me within two days (except weekends). It is important that you communicate with your instructor, especially when you are experiencing difficulties with the class, so we can talk about possible accommodations to help you succeed.

7. College Supports, Services and Policies



Immediate, Urgent, or Emergency Support

If you or someone you know requires immediate, urgent, or emergency support (e.g. illness, injury, thoughts of suicide, sexual assault, etc.), **SEEK HELP**. Resource contacts @ <http://camosun.ca/about/mental-health/emergency.html> or <http://camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence/get-support.html#urgent>

College Services

Camosun offers a variety of health and academic support services, including counselling, dental, disability resource centre, help centre, learning skills, sexual violence support & education, library, and writing centre. For more information on each of these services, visit the **STUDENT SERVICES** link on the College website at <http://camosun.ca/>

Camosun Counselling Centre

Trained counselors can help you with both personal and professional challenges. <http://camosun.ca/services/counselling-centre/>

Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL)

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

If you have documented needs that require accommodation in the classroom, we can help you transition into Camosun and support you during your time at the college. To achieve the goal of equitable access, we have a wide range of individualized services and supports.

College Policies

Camosun strives to provide clear, transparent, and easily accessible policies that exemplify the college's commitment to life-changing learning. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of College policies. Policies are available on the College website at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/>. Education and academic policies include, but are not limited to, Academic Progress, Admission, Course Withdrawals, Standards for Awarding Credentials, Involuntary Health and Safety Leave of Absence, Prior Learning Assessment, Medical/Compassionate Withdrawal, Sexual Violence and Misconduct, Student Ancillary Fees, Student Appeals, Student Conduct, and Student Penalties and Fines.

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.

Important deadlines: <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>

Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+	Exceptional, exceeds highest expectations for the course or assignment	9
85-89	A	Outstanding, meets highest standards for the assignment of course	8
80-84	A-	Excellent, meets very high standards for the assignment or the course	7
77-79	B+	Very good, meets high standards for the assignment or course	6
73-76	B	Good, shows reasonable command of the material	5
70-72	B-	Solid, meets basic standards for the assignment or course	4
65-69	C+	Solid, meets most basic standards for the assignment or course	3
60-64	C	Acceptable, meets some of the basic standards for the course or assignment	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 at <http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies/E-1.5.pdf> 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 are designed to have an anticipated enrollment that extends beyond one term. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course.
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.