

Effective: Fall 2024

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title: Introduction to Anthropology

Course Number: ANTH 101

Credits: 3

Total Weeks: 14 (Fall, Spring)
12 (Summer) **Total Hours:** 39

Course Level: First Year Second Year
 New Revised Course
 Replacement Course

Department: Social Sciences **Department Head:** A. McDougall

Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable): N/A

Pre-requisites (If there are no prerequisites, type NONE): NONE

Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE): NONE

Precluded Courses: N/A

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to the main concepts, theories and methods used by cultural anthropologists to study human beings, human groups, human meanings, and human ways of life. By acquainting ourselves with cultural anthropology we will be better able to understand cultural differences between people, to build positive relationships in situations of cultural diversity and to identify and perhaps both change those cultural conditions which constrain human potential and help build conditions which allow it to develop.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Explain the basic characteristics of the anthropological approach to the study of culture
- Analyze economic activity using basic anthropological concepts
- Explain the significance of culture to our understanding of reality.
- Analyze kinship using basic anthropological concepts.
- Explain the significance of culture for identity.
- Explain the social construction of hierarchy.
- Explain the relationship between neoliberalism, globalization, and the nation state.
- Explain the relationship between conflict, violence, and the state.

INSTRUCTION AND GRADING

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other (<i>specify</i>):	
Total	39

Grading System: Letter Grades Percentage Pass/Fail Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Other

Specify passing grade: 50%

Evaluation Activities and Weighting (total must equal 100%)

Assignments: 15%	Lab Work: %	Participation: 5%	Project: %
Quizzes/Test: 20%	Midterm Exam: 30%	Final Exam: 30%	Other: %

TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

Provide a full reference for each text and/or resource material and include whether required/not required.

Schultz, Emily, Lavenda, Robert, Dods, Roberta. *Cultural Anthropology Fourth Canadian Edition*. Oxford University Press. 2018.

This book may be ordered online at amazon.ca or other online outlets.

COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	Topic
Week 1	The Anthropological Perspective on the Human Condition
Week 2	The Anthropological Perspective on the Human Condition
Week 3	Fieldwork: A Meeting of Cultural Traditions
Week 4	Anthropology in History and the Explanation of Cultural Diversity
Week 5	Anthropology in History and the Explanation of Cultural Diversity
Week 6	Midterm
Week 7	Language
Week 8	Language
Week 9	Culture, the Individual and Identity
Week 10	Culture, the Individual and Identity
Week 11	Inequality in the Contemporary World: Class, Caste, Race, Ethnicity, and Nationality
Week 12	Inequality in the Contemporary World: Class, Caste, Race, Ethnicity, and Nationality
Week 13	Social Relationships: Marriage, Family, Kinship and Friendship
Week 14	Final Exam

NOTES

1. Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
2. To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: bctransferguide.ca

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